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PREFACE.



THE importance of the "Mahāvagga" as an historical work, which has helped to settle the conflicting and confusing dates of Indian history, is so well established, that a dissertation on the subject would seem superfluous. The reader who wishes to acquaint himself with the subject is referred to the learned and elaborate Introduction prefixed by Mr. Turnour to his translation of the First Part of the "Mahāvagga."

In translating the Second, and by far the larger portion of this work, I have endeavoured to meet the requirements of the general reader as well as of the student of Pāli literature. Some foot-notes, which would seem unnecessary to the latter, will, I hope, help the former to the better understanding of the history.

The 40th Chapter appears missing; but the narrative, nevertheless, is unbroken. Turnour thinks the apparent omission is due to a mistake in the numbering of the chapters: the learned editors of the printed text, on which I have based my translation, seem to think otherwise. A few verses in some other Chapters are also missing: these have been noted in their proper places.

Besides the few discursive notes appended to one or two Chapters, and the foot-notes added throughout the work, I have included herein a Table of Kings whose reigns are recorded in these pages; an Analytical Summary of all the Chapters, beginning from the 39th; the Context of the 39th Chapter, with a view to make the story of the parricide Kāśyapa complete; an Appendix, containing such previous translations of the second portion of the "Mahāvagga" as I could find, and also extracts from Bishop Caldwell's valuable History of Tinnevely, which I thought might help to throw considerable light on some obscure points of interest; and, lastly, an Index of the principal names that occur in the work.

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(Compiled from the Mahāvamsa.)

(Abbreviations: Sk. = Sanskrit; S. = Sinhalese.)

No.	Name of Sovereign.	Relationship of each succeeding Sovereign.	Date of Accession.		Length of Reign.			Seat of Government.	Remarks.
			A.B.	A.D.	Y.	M.	D.		
65	Kaśyapa I. ... Sk. Kāśyapa. S. Sigiri Kasub or Kasup.	...	1022	479	18	0	0	Anurādhapura and Sigiriya.	He put his father (Dhātusena) to death and usurped the throne, and, finally, committed suicide.
66	Moggallāna I. ... S. Mugalan.	Brother ...	1040	497	18	0	0	Anurādhapura	—
67	Kumāra Dhātusena S. Kumārādāsa.	Son ...	1058	515	9	0	0	do.	Immolated himself.
68	Kittisena ... Sk. Kirtisena. S. Kītsen.	Son ...	1067	524	0	9	0	do.	Murdered.
69	Siva ... S. Meḍi Sivu.	Maternal uncle	1067	524	0	0	25	do.	do.
70	Upatissa III. ... S. Lemēni Upatissa.	Brother-in-law	1068	525	1	6	0	do.	—
71	Amba Sāmanera Silākāla S. Ambaherana Salamevan.	Son-in-law ...	1069	526	13	0	0	do.	—

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			A.B.	A.D.	Y.	M.	D.	
72	Dāthāppabhūti... S. Dāpulu Sen I.	Second son ...	1082	539	0	6	6	Anurādhapura Committed suicide.
73	(Cūla) Moggallāna, II. S. Sulu Mugalan.	Elder brother	1083	540	20	0	0	do.
74	Kittisiri Meghavanpa Sk. Kirti Sī Meghavarṇa. S. Kuḍā Kīrsiri Mevan.	Son ...	1103	560	0	0	19	do. Put to death.
75	Mahānāga ... S. Senevi.	A descendant of the Okkāka race.	1104	561	3	0	0	do.
76	Aggabodhi I. ... Sk. Agrabodhi. S. Agbo or Akbo.	Maternal nephew	1107	564	34	0	0	do.
77	Aggabodhi II. ... S. Kuḍā Akbo.	Son-in-law and nephew	1141	598	10	0	0	do.
78	Saṅghatissa or Asiggāha Saṅghatissa.	Brother (according to the Rājāvali).	1151	608	0	2	0	do. Decollated. Duration of reign not stated in the Mahāvamsa. The Sīghalese "Vapsa-pot" give two months.
79	Dalla Moggallāna S. Dala Mugalan or Lemēni Bónā or Lemēni Sīngā.	General of Aggabodhi II.	1151	608	6	0	0	do. Killed, after defeat in battle.

80	Silāmeghavanna or Asigghāhaka... Sk. Asigghāhaka Śilāmegha. S. Salamevan.	Son of Dalla general.	Moggallāna's	1157	614	9 0 0	Anurādhapura	—
81	Aggabodhi III. or Sirisagghabodhi II. Sk. Aggabodhi. S. Akbo or Sirisaggaḃo.	Son	...	1166	623	0 6 0	do.	Defeated in battle and deposed.
82	Jetṭhatissa ... S. Lemēni Kaṭusara or Deṭṭhatissa.	Son of Sanghatissa (No. 78)	...	1166	623	0 6 0	do.	Committed suicide in the field of battle.
83	Aggabodhi III. or Sirisagghabodhi II. S. Sirisaṅgaḃo.	No. 81	...	1167	624	16 0 0	do.	Recovered the kingdom, and resumed possession of the crown.
84	Dāthopatisa I ... S. Dālapatisa.	Of the Lemēni family	...	1183	640	12 0 0	do.	Killed in battle.
85	Kassapa II. ... Sk. Kāsyapa. S. Pēṇulu Kasub or Kasubu, or Kasup.	Brother of Sirisagghabodhi (Nos. 81, 83).	...	1195	652	9 0 0	do.	—
86	Dappula I. ... S. Dāpulu.	Brother-in-law of No. 85	...	1204	661	3 0 0	Anurādhapura and Rohana.	Fled from Anurādhapura through fear of Hatthadāṭha, who succeeded him, and reigned at Rohana.
87	Hatthadāṭha or Dāthopatisa II. S. Lemēni Dālapatisa.	Nephew of Dāthopatisa I. (No. 83).	I.	1207	664	9 0 0	Anurādhapura	—

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			A.B.	A.D.	Y.	M.	D.		
87	Aggabodhi IV., surnamed Siri-sayghabodhi Sk. Aggabodhi. S. Akbo or Sirisaṅgaḃo.	Anurādhapura	—
88	Datta ... S. Valpiṭi Datta	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	—
89	Unhanāgara Hathadāṭha S. Hunanneru Riyandala.	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	Decollated.
90	Māpamma ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	Duration of reign not given in the Mahāvamsa. The Pūjavalī gives 35 years.
91	Aggabodhi V. ... Sk. Aggabodhi. S. Akbo.	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	—
92	Kassapa III. ... Sk. Kāsapa. S. Kasub or Sulu Kasubu.	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	—
93	Mahinda I. ... S. Mihifdu.	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	—
94	Aggabodhi VI., surnamed Sila-megha. Sk. Aggabodhi. S. Akbo Salamewan.	...	...	...	...	...	...	do.	—

95	Aggabodhi VII. Sk. Aggabodhi. S. Kuḍa Akbo or Deveni Kuḍa Akbo.	...	Brother	...	1324	781	6	0	0	Polonnaruwa	—
96	Mahinda II., surnamed megha. S. Salamevan Mihinda.	...	Nephew	...	1330	787	20	0	0	Anurādhapura	—
97	Dappula II. ... S. Dāpulu.	...	Son	...	1350	807	5	0	0	do.	—
98	Mahinda III. or Dhammika megha. Sk. Dhārmika Śīlamegha. S. Akbo Salamevan Mihinda.	...	Son	...	1355	812	4	0	0	do.	—
99	Aggabodhi VIII. S. Meḍi Akbo.	...	Cousin	...	1359	816	11	0	0	do.	—
100	Dappula III. ... S. Dāpulu or Kuḍa Dāpulu.	...	Younger brother	...	1370	827	16	0	0	Beramini-pāya, according to the Rājāvali.	—
101	Aggabodhi IX. ...	...	Son	...	1386	843	3	0	0	Anurādhapura	—
102	Sena I. or Śīlamegha Sena Sk. Śīlameghavarṇa. S. Salamevan Sen.	...	Younger brother	...	1389	846	20	0	0	Polonnaruwa	1362 A.B. according to the Śāsa- nāvātara.
103	Sena II.	Grandson	...	1409	866	35	0	0	do.	—
104	Udaya I.	Youngest brother	...	1444	901	11	0	0	do.	—

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			A.B.	A.D.	Y.	M.	D.	
105	Kassapa IV. ... Sk. Kāsyapa. S. Kasap.	Nephew and son-in-law	1455	912	17	0	0	Polonnaruwa
106	Kassapa V. ...	Son-in-law	1472	929	10	0	0	do.
107	Dappula IV. ... S. Dāpulu.	Son	1482	939	0	7	0	do.
108	Dappula V. ... S. Kuḍā Dāpulu.	Brother	1483	940	12	0	0	do.
109	Udaya II. ... S. Udā.	Not stated	1495	952	3	0	0	do.
110	Sena III. ...	Brother	1498	955	9	0	0	do.
111	Udaya III. ...	Not stated	1507	964	8	0	0	do.
112	Sena IV. ...	Not stated	1515	972	3	0	0	do.
113	Mahinda IV. ...	Not stated	1518	975	16	0	0	do.
114	Sena V. ...	Son	1534	991	10	0	0	do.
115	Mahinda V. ...	Brother	1544	1001	36	0	0	Anurādhapura

		1580	1037	12 0 0	Polonnaruwa and Rohana.	
116	Interregnum : while the heir to the throne, Prince Kāsapa, or Vikrama Báhu, was alive.	—				—
117	Kitti, the General Sk. Kirti.	...	1592	0 0 8	Rohana	—
118	Maháána Kitti Sk. Maháána Kirti.	...	1592	3 0 0	do.	—
119	Vikkama Paṇḍu Sk. Vikrama Paṇḍu.	...	1595	1 0 0	Kalutara	A Pandiyan prince.
120	Jagatipála ... S. Jagat Páṇḍi.	...	1596	4 0 0	Rohana	An A'ryan of the race of Rámá.
121	Parakkama ... Sk. Parákrama.	...	1600	2 0 0	do.	A son of the King of Paṇḍu.
122	Loka or Lokissara Sk. Lokeśvara.	...	1602	6 0 0	Kataragama	—
123	Vijaya Báhu I., surnamed Siri- saṃghabodhi. S. Sirisaṃgabo Vijaya Bá or Mahalu Vijaya Bá.	Grandson of Mahinda V.	1608	55 0 0	Polonnaruwa and Anurádhapura.	Not exactly grandson by lineal descent from Mahinda V., but re- lated to him as such collaterally.
124	Jaya Báhu ...	Brother	1663	1 0 0	Polonnaruwa	—
125	Vikkama Báhu I. Sk. Vikrama Báhu.	Son of Vijaya Báhu I.	1664	21 0 0	do.	Máábharaṇa, Kittisirimegha, and Sirivallabha, three brothers, cousins of Vikrama Báhu, held Rohana and the Southern coun- try.
126	Gaja Báhu II. ...	Son	1685	22 0 0	do.	—

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			A.B.	A.D.		Y.	M.	D.		
127	Parakkama Báhu I., surnamed "The Great," Sk. Parákrama Báhu.	Cousin	...	1707	1164	33	0	0	Polonnaruwa	Son of prince Mánabharāṇa senior, who married Vijaya Báhu's daughter, Ratanávali.
128	Vijaya Báhu II.	Nephew	...	1740	1197	1	0	0	do.	Murdered.
129	Mahinda VI. ... S. Mihindu.	Usurper	...	1741	1198	0	0	5	do.	Called Kiḷin Kisdá in the Śāsana-vatāra, Rájávali, and other "Vagga-pot." Put to death.
130	Kitti Nissanka ... Sk. Kirti Niṣṣanka Malla.	A prince of the Kálinga Ca-kravarti race.	...	1741	1198	9	0	0	do.	He was sub-king of Vijaya Báhu II.
131	Vira Báhu I. ...	Son	...	1750	1207	0	0	1	do.	Most probably assassinated, although the Mahāvagga does not say so.
132	Vikkama Báhu II. Sk. Vikrama Báhu.	Brother of Kirti Niṣṣanka	...	1750	1207	0	3	0	do.	Put to death.
133	Goḍagaṅga ...	Nephew of Kirti Niṣṣanka	...	1750	1207	0	9	0	do.	Deposed and mutilated.
134	Lilāvati ...	Widow of Parákrama Báhu I.	1751	1208		3	0	0	do.	Governed through her prime minister, Kirti Senápati. Deposed.
135	Sáhasa Malla ...	Half brother of Kirti Niṣṣanka Malla.	1743	1200		2	0	0	do.	The Sáhasa Malla Inscription gives 1743 A.B. as his date of accession; error 11 years; adjusted accordingly.

136	Kalyānavati ...	...	Chief queen of Kīrti Nisānka	1745	1202	6 0 0	Polonnaruwa	Governed through her prime minister, A'yasmanta or A'bo-nāvan. Deposed.
137	Dhammāsoka ... Sk. Dharmāsoka.	...	Not stated (a minor)	1751	1208	1 0 0	do.	Regent, A'yasmanta.
138	Anikāṅga ... S. Aniyāṅga.	...	Chief governor	1752	1209	0 0 17	do.	Put to death.
139	Lilāvati ...	...	Widow of Parākrama Bāhu	1752	1209	1 0 0	do.	Restored by the minister Camū-nakka. Deposed.
139	Lokissara ... Sk. Lokeśvara.	...	Usurper	1753	1210	0 9 0	do.	—
139	Lilāvati ...	...	Widow of Parākrama Bāhu	1754	1211	0 7 0	do.	Restored by the minister Parākrama. Deposed.
140	Parakkama Paṇḍu ... S. Perakum Paṇḍi.	...	Usurper	1755	1212	3 0 0	do.	Deposed.
141	Māgha or Kālinga Vijaya Bāhu	...	Usurper	1758	1215	21 0 0	do.	Took the title of Kālinga Vijaya Bāhu after he had ascended the throne. (Śaśanāvātara.)
142	Vijaya Bāhu III.	...	Descendant of the Sirisaṅgha-bodhi family.	1779	1236	4 0 0	Jambudī or Dambadeniya	Turnour gives 24 years for this king! This king reigned at Dambadeniya while Māgha yet held Polonnaruwa.
143	Parakkama Bāhu II. Sk. Kalikāla Sāhitya Sarvajña Paṇḍita Parākrama Bāhu.	...	Son	1783	1240	35 0 0	do.	According to the Attanaga'navapsa, 1779 A.B., and Turnour, 1809.

No.	Name of Sovereign.	Relationship of each succeeding Sovereign.	Date of Accession.	Length of Reign.	Seat of Government.	Remarks.
			A.B. 1818	Y. M. D. 2 0 0	Polonnaruwa	—
144	Vijaya Báhu IV. S. Bosat Vijaya Báhu.	...	...	...	...	—
145	Bhuvaneka Báhu I.	...	1820	11 0 0	Polonnaruwa and Yápaúwa	—
146	Parákrama Báhu III.	...	1831	5 0 0	Polonnaruwa	—
147	Bhuvaneka Báhu II.	...	1836	2 0 0	Kurunégala	—
148	Parákrama Báhu IV. S. Paṇḍita Parákrama Báhu.	...	1838	—	do.	Length of reign not stated.
149	Bhuvaneka Báhu III. S. Vanni Bhuvaneka Báhu.	Not specified...	—	—	—	do.
150	Jaya Báhu I. ...	do.	—	—	—	—
151	Bhuvaneka Báhu IV.	do.	1890	4 0 0	Gampola	The fourth year of this king's reign is given as 1894 A.B.
152	Paraktama Báhu V.	do.	1894	—	do.	Length of reign not stated.
153	Viktama Báhu III.	do.	—	—	do.	do.
154	Bhuvaneka Báhu V. S. Alagakkónára, or Alakeṣvara	A descendant of the Girivapṣa family.	—	20 0 0	Kótté	Beginning of reign not stated.

No.	Name of Sovereign.	Relationship of each succeeding Sovereign.	Date of Accession.		Length of Reign.			Seat of Government.	Remarks.
			A.B.	A.D.	Y.	M.	D.		
166	Vimala Dhamma Suriya I. Sk. Vimala Dharma Sūrya. S. Vimala Daham Sūriya	...	2135	1592	28	0	0	Kandy	The two preceding reigns seem to have occupied a period of 50 years. Turnour gives a period of 35 years for this king.
167	Senaratna ... S. Senerat.	...	2163	1620	7	0	0	Kandy	
168	Rāja Stha II. ... Sk. S. Rāja Sīgha II.	...	2170	1627	52	0	0	do.	Turnour's Epitome, 50 years.
169	Vimala Dhamma Suriya II. Sk. Vimala Dharma Sūrya. S. Vimala Daham Sūriya.	...	2222	1679	22	0	0	do.	
170	Siri Vira Parakkama Narinda Sīha. Sk. Śrī Vira Parākrama Narendra Sīgha.	...	2244	1701	33	0	0	do.	—
171	Siri Vijaya Rāja Sīha Sk. Śrī Vijaya Rāja Sīgha. S. Haṅguranketa Rāja Sīgha.	...	2277	1734	8	0	0	do.	—
172	Kitti Siri Rāja Sīha Sk. S. Kīrti Śrī Rāja Sīgha.	...	2290	1747	33	0	0	do.	The date of this king's accession is distinctly stated as 2290 A.B.; error 5 years adjusted.
173	Siri Rājādhi Rāja Sīha Sk. S. Śrī Rājādhi Rāja Sīgha.	...	2323	1780	18	0	0	do.	
174	Siri Vikrama Rāja Sīha Sk. S. Śrī Vikrama Rāja Sīgha.	...	2341	1798	17	0	0	do.	He was captured by the English in the eighteenth year of his accession.

CONTEXT OF CHAPTER XXXIX.

TRANSLATION OF CHAPTER XXXVIII., vv. 80 TO 114.

AND he (Dhātusena) had two sons,—Kassapa, whose mother was 80
unequal in rank (to his father), and Moggallāna, a mighty man, whose
mother was of equal rank (with his father). Likewise also he had a 81
beautiful daughter, who was as dear unto him as his own life. And he
gave her (to wife) unto his sister's son, to whom also he gave the office
of chief of the army. And he (the nephew) scourged her on the thighs, 82
albeit there was no fault in her. And when the king saw that his
daughter's cloth was stained with blood, he learned the truth and was 83
wroth, and caused his nephew's mother to be burnt naked. From that
time forth he (the nephew) bare malice against the king; and he joined
himself unto Kassapa, and tempted him to seize the kingdom and betray 84
his father. And then he gained over the people, and caused the king his
father to be taken alive. And Kassapa raised the canopy of dominion 85
after that he had destroyed the men of the king's party and received the
support of the wicked men in the kingdom. Thereupon Moggallāna 86
endeavoured to make war against him. But he could not obtain a
sufficient force, and proceeded to the Continent of India with the intent
to raise an army there.

And that he might the more vex the king, who was now sorely 87
afflicted because that he had lost the kingdom, and that his son 88
(Moggallāna) had abandoned him, and he himself was imprisoned, this
wicked general spake to Kassapa the king, saying, "O king, the
treasures of the royal house are hidden by thy father." And when
the king said unto him, "Nay," he answered saying, "Knowest 89
thou not, O lord of the land, the purpose of this thy father? He
treasureth up the riches for Moggallāna." And when the base man 90
heard these words he was wroth, and sent messengers unto his father,
saying, "Reveal the place where thou hast hid the treasure."
Thereupon the king thought to himself, saying: "This is a device 91
whereby the wretch seeketh to destroy us"; and he remained silent.
And they (the messengers) went and informed the king thereof. And 92
his anger was yet more greatly increased, and he sent the messengers 93
back unto him again and again. Then the king (Dhātusena) thought
to himself, saying, "It is well that I should die after that I have seen my
friend and washed myself in the Kālavāpi." So he told the messengers
saying, "Now, if he will cause me to be taken to Kālavāpi, then shall
I be able to find out (the treasure)." And when they went and told 94
the king thereof he was exceeding glad, because that he desired
greatly to obtain the treasure, and he sent the messengers back (to his
father) with a chariot. And while the king, with his eyes sunk in
grief, proceeded (on the journey to Kālavāpi), the charioteer who drove 95
the chariot gave him some of the roasted rice that he ate. And the 96
king ate thereof and was pleased with him, and gave him a letter for
Moggallāna that he might befriend him and bestow on him the office
of doorkeeper. Such, alas, is the nature of prosperity! It fleeth like 97
the lightning. What prudent man will be beguiled thereby!

- 98 And when his friend, the Elder, heard that the king was coming, he
 99 preserved and set apart a rich meal of beans with the flesh of water-
 fowls, that he had obtained, saying, "The king loveth this (sort of
 meat)." And the king went up and made obeisance unto him and sat
 100 beside him. And when they had thus seated themselves, it seemed to
 them both as if they enjoyed the pleasures of a kingdom. And they
 held much discourse with each other, and quenched the great sorrow
 101 (that burned within them). And after that the Elder had prevailed on
 the king to eat of the meal (which was ready), he exhorted him in divers
 ways, and expounded to him the nature of this world, and persuaded him
 that he should be diligent (in working out his salvation).
- 102 Then the king went up to the tank, and after that he had plunged
 therein and bathed and drank of its water as it pleased him, he turned
 103 to the king's servants and said, "O friends, this is all the treasure that
 I possess!" And when the king's servants heard these words they
 104 took him back to the city and informed the king. Then the chief of
 men was exceeding wroth and said, "This man hoardeth up riches for
 his son; and so long as he liveth will he estrange the people of the
 island (from me)." And he commanded the chief of the army, saying,
 105 "Kill my father." Thereupon he (the general), who hated him exceed-
 ingly, was greatly delighted and said, "Now have I seen the last of my
 106 enemy." And he arrayed himself in all his apparel, and went up to the
 107 king, and walked to and fro before him. And when the king saw this
 he said to himself, "This wretch would fain send me to hell by afflict-
 ing my mind as he hath afflicted my body. What shall it profit me
 108 then to provoke my anger against him?" So the lord of the land
 extended his goodwill towards him, and said, "I have the same feeling
 109 towards thee as I have towards Moggallāna." But he (the general)
 shook his head and laughed him to scorn. And when the king saw it
 he knew that he would surely be put to death on that day. Then this
 110 violent man stripped the king naked, and bound him with chains inside
 111 the wall (of his prison) with his face to the east, and caused it to be
 plastered up with clay. What wise man, therefore, after that he hath
 seen such things, will covet riches, or life, or glory!
- 112 Thus this chief of men, Dhātusena, whom his son had put to death,
 went to the abode of the chief of the gods after he had reigned eighteen
 years.
- 113 Now this king, while he yet built the bank of the Kálavāpi, saw a
 114 certain priest meditating and in a trance; and because that he could not
 rouse him therefrom he caused the priest to be covered over with earth
 (and so buried him). And they say that this was the reward, in this
 life, of that act.

Mr. Turnour has translated this Chapter; but it contains so many material errors that I thought it best to translate the above portion of it from the original Pāli. I annex, however, his translation of this portion, italicising such passages as are *materially* incorrect:—

TURNOUR'S TRANSLATION. Page 259, vv. 80 to 114.

He had two sons *born of different, but equally illustrious, mothers*

named Kassapo and the powerful Moggallāno. He had also a daughter as dear to him as his own life. He bestowed her, as well as the office of chief commander, on his nephew. This individual caused her to be flogged on her thighs with a whip, although she had committed no offence. The rāja, on seeing his daughter's vestments *trickling* with blood, and learning the particulars, furiously indignant, caused his (nephew's) mother to be burnt naked. From that period (the nephew), inflamed with rage against him, uniting himself with Kassapo, infused into his mind the ambition to usurp the kingdom; and *kindling at the same time an animosity in his breast against his parent*, and gaining over the people, succeeded in capturing the king alive. Thereupon Kassapo, supported by all the unworthy portion of the nation, and annihilating the party who adhered to his father, raised the chhatta. Moggallāno then endeavoured to wage war against him, but being destitute of forces, with the view of raising an army, repaired to Jambudipo.

In order that he might aggravate the misery of the monarch, already wretched by the loss of his empire as well as *the disaffection of his son*, and his own imprisonment, this wicked person (the nephew) thus inquired of the rāja Kassapo: "Rāja, hast thou been told by thy father where the royal treasures are concealed?" On being answered "No," "Ruler of the land, (observed the nephew,) dost thou not see that he is concealing the treasures for Moggallāno?" This worst of men, on hearing this remark, incensed, despatched messengers to his father with this command: "Point out where the treasures are." Considering that this was a plot of that malicious character to cause him to be put to death, (the deposed king) remained silent; and they (the messengers) returning, reported accordingly. Thereupon, exceedingly enraged, he sent messengers over and over again (to put the same question). (The imprisoned monarch) thus thought: "Well, let them put me to death after having seen my friend and bathed in the Kālawāpi tank," and made the following answer to the messenger: "If ye will take me to the Kālawāpi tank, I shall be able to ascertain (where the treasures are)." They, returning, reported the same to the rāja. That avaricious monarch, rejoicing (at the prospect of getting possession of the treasures), and *assigning a carriage with broken wheels*, sent back the messengers.

While the sovereign was proceeding along in it, the charioteer who was driving the carriage, eating some parched rice, gave a little thereof to him. Having ate it, pleased with him, the rāja gave him a letter for Moggallāno, in order that he might (hereafter) patronise him and confer on him the office of "Dwāranāyako" (chief warden).

Thus, worldly prosperity is like unto the glimmering of lightning. What reflecting person, then, would devote himself (to the acquisition) thereof!

His friend, the thero, having heard (the rumour) "The rāja is coming," and *bearing his illustrious character in mind*, laid aside for him some rice cooked of the "maṣa" grain, mixed with meat, which he had received *as a pilgrim*; and saying to himself, "The king would like it," he carefully preserved it. The rāja, approaching and bowing down

to him, respectfully took his station on one side of him. *From the manner in which these two persons discoursed, seated by the side of each other, mutually quenching the fire of their afflictions, they appeared like unto two characters endowed with the prosperity of royalty.* Having allowed (the rája) to take his meal, the thero in various ways administered consolation to him ; and *illustrating the destiny of the world, he abstracted his mind from the desire to protract his existence.*

Then, repairing to the tank, diving into and bathing delightfully in it and drinking also of its water, he thus addressed the royal attendants : “ My friends, these alone are the riches I possess.” The messengers, on hearing this, conducting him to the rája’s capital, reported the same to the monarch. The sovereign, enraged, replied : “ As long as this man lives, *he will treasure his riches for his (other) son, and will estrange the people in this land (from me)*”; and gave the order, “ Put my father to death.” *Those who were delighted (with this decision) exclaimed, “ We have seen the back (the last) of our enemy.”* The enraged monarch, adorned in all the insignia of royalty, repaired to the (imprisoned) rája, and kept walking to and fro in his presence. The (deposed) king, observing him, thus meditated : “ This wretch wishes to destroy my mind in the same manner that he afflicts my body ; he longs to send me to hell : what is the use of my getting indignant about him ? what can I accomplish ? ” and then benevolently remarked, “ *Lord of statesmen ! I bear the same affection towards thee as towards Mog-galláno ?* ” He (*the usurper*) smiling, shook his head. The monarch then came to this conclusion : “ This wicked man will most assuredly put me to death this very day.” (*The usurper*) then stripping the king naked, *and casting him into iron chains, built up a wall, embedding him in it, exposing his face only to the east, and plastered that wall over with clay.*

What wise man, after being informed of this, would covet riches, life, or prosperity !

Thus the monarch Dhátuseno, who was murdered by his son in the eighteenth year of his reign, united himself with (Sakko) the ruler of devas.

This rája, at the time he was *improving* the Kálavápi tank, observed a certain priest *absorbed in the “ Samadhi ” meditation* ; and not being able to rouse him from that abstraction, *had him buried under the embankment (he was raising) by heaping earth over him.* This was the retribution manifested in this life, for that impious act.

THE MAHÁVANSA.

CHAPTER XXXIX.



AND after that, that wicked ruler of men (Kásyapa) sent his groom and his cook to his brother (Moggallána) to kill him. And finding that he could not (fulfil his purpose), he feared danger, and took himself to the Sīhagiri rock, that was hard for men to climb. He cleared it round about and surrounded it by a rampart, and built galleries in it (ornamented) with figures of lions ; wherefore it took its name of Sīhagiri ('the Lion's Rock'). Having gathered together all his wealth, he buried it there carefully, and set guards over the treasures he had buried in divers places. He built there a lovely palace, splendid to behold, like unto a second A'lakamandá, and lived there like (its lord) Kuvera. And Migára, the chief of the army, built a Pariveṇa after his own name, and a house also for the Abhiseka-jina.* And for the dedication thereof† he besought the king that he might (be allowed to) display ceremonies of greater splendour than were permitted to the Silá Sambuddha.‡ And because his request was not granted unto him, he thought within himself, "In the reign of the rightful heir to the throne shall I know how to obtain it."

But it repented him (Kásyapa) afterwards of what he had done ; so he did many acts of merit, saying, "How shall I

* One of the great statues of Buddha restored and adorned by Dhátusena. See chap. XXXVIII., vv. 66, 67.

† The *abhiseka* of an image is the setting or painting of its eyes, a ceremony generally performed with great splendour. It is the *Netrá-pinkama* of the Sīhalese Buddhists.

‡ Another famous stone statue of Buddha which stood in the precincts of the Abhayagiri Vihāra. Its eyes were adorned by Buddhadása with "the cobra's gem," and when it was lost during the Tamil occupation previous to Dhátusena's accession, that monarch reset the eyes with two valuable sapphires, and renewed it otherwise. See chap. XXXVII., v. 37 ; chap. XXXVIII., vv. 61, 32.

- 9 escape (punishment) ?” He planted gardens at the gates of the city, and groves of mango trees also throughout the island, at a
 10 yójana’s* distance from each other. He repaired the Issara-samanáráma (Vihára), and by buying and making gifts of more lands for its support, he gave unto it more substance than it had possessed at any former time.
- 11 And he had two daughters, the one named Bodhi and the other Uppalavaṇṇá. And he called this vihára after their
 12 names and his own. And when it was dedicated the Theravádī brethren (to whom it was offered) wished not to accept it, because they feared that the people would blame them in that they accepted an offering which was the work of a parricide.
- 13 But the king being desirous that these selfsame brethren should possess the vihára dedicated it to the image of the Supreme Buddha ; whereupon they consented, saying, “ It is the property
 14 of our Teacher.” In like manner, he caused a vihára to be built in the garden that he had offered near the rock (Sihagiri),
 15 whence it also took the names of his two daughters. And this vihára, abounding with the four things necessary for monks, he gave unto the Dhammaruci brethren, together with a garden that
 16 stood in the north side of the country. And having eaten once of a meal of rice that a woman had prepared for him in the milk of the king-cocoon and ghee, flavoured highly with sweet condiments, he exclaimed, “ This is delicious ! Such rice must I give
 17 unto the venerable ones.” He then caused rice to be prepared after this manner, and made an offering of it to all the brethren,
 18 with gifts of robes. He observed the sacred days and practised the Appamaññá† and Dhutaṅga‡ discipline, and caused books to
 19 be written. He made many images, alms-houses, and the like ; but he lived on in fear of the world to come and of Moggallána.
- 20 At length, in the eighteenth year of his reign, the great warrior Moggallána, being advised thereto by the Niganthas,|| came

* Supposed to be equal to twelve English miles.

† The Mahá Vihára Fraternity.

‡ Four subjects of meditation prescribed for a recluse who wishes to attain entire sanctification. They are, friendliness, compassion, goodwill, and equanimity. (Vide Childers' Dictionary for explanation, and Visuddhi-Magga, chap. IV., Samádhi-Bhávánádhikára, for directions.)

§ Certain austere practices (thirteen in number) prescribed for ascetics who desire to prepare themselves for the attainment of the highest stages of sanctification. (See Childers' Dictionary for enumeration, and Visuddhi-Magga, chap. II., for details and mode of practice.)

|| A set of Hindu ascetics. Sanskrit, *Nirgrantha*.

hither from Jambudīpa attended by twelve noble friends, and 21
encamped with his forces near the Kuṭhāri Vihāra in the country
of Ambaṭṭha-kola.

And when the king heard thereof, he exclaimed, "I will catch 22
him and eat him." And though the soothsayers prophesied that
he could not (be victorious), he went up with a large army (to
meet his adversary). And Moggallāna also advanced with his 23
army well equipped, and with his valiant companions, like unto
the god Sujampati* in the battle of the Asurs. And the two 24
armies encountered each other like two seas that had burst their
bounds ; and a great battle ensued. And Kassapa, seeing a great 25
marsh before him, caused his elephant to turn back, that so he
might advance by another direction. And his men seeing this, 26
shouted, " Friends, our lord here fleeth," and broke the ranks ;
whereupon Moggallāna's army cried out, " The back (of the
enemy) is seen."† And the king (in great despair) raised his 27
head up and cut (his throat) with a knife and returned the knife
to its sheath.‡ And Moggallāna was well pleased with this deed 28
(of boldness) of his brother, and performed the rite of cremation
over his dead body ; and having gathered together all his spoils,
went up to the royal city. And when the brethren heard this 29
news they put on their garments and robed themselves decently
and swept the vihāra, and ranged themselves in a line (according
to seniority). And Moggallāna having halted his army outside 30
the elephant-rampart of the city, entered the (royal garden called)
Mahāmeghavana, like unto the king of the gods entering his
garden Nandana, and being well pleased with the priesthood he 31
approached and made obeisance unto them, and offered unto the
Order his royal parasol.§ And they returned it to him. Where- 32
fore the people called that place Chattavaḍḍhi ('gift of the royal
parasol'), and the Pariveṇa that was (afterwards) built there was
called by the same name. And when the king reached the city 33
he proceeded to the two vihāras,|| and having saluted the
brethren there he took the government of the great kingdom
into his hands, and ruled his people with justice.

But his wrath was kindled against the chief men of the State 34
for having attached themselves to him who had slain his father,

* Śakra.

† Meaning, 'The enemy fleeth.'

‡ See note A at the end of this chapter.

§ In token of submission to the Church.

|| Abhayagiri and Jetavana.

and he gnashed his teeth so that he protruded one, and hence he
 35 acquired the name of Rakkhasa.* And he put to death more
 than a thousand of them who held offices, and caused the ears and
 noses of some to be cut off, and also banished many from the land.
 36 But when he had afterwards hearkened to the sacred discourses
 (of Buddha), he was greatly calmed in spirit, and his temper be-
 came serene, and then he gave alms in great plenty like unto the
 cloud that poureth forth its waters over the surface of the earth.
 37 Every year he gave alms on the full-moon day of the month
 Phussa,† and henceforth the custom of giving alms on that day
 38 has prevailed over the island even up to this day. And the
 driver of the chariot who had fed the king his father with fried
 rice (as he drove him to Kálavāpi) took the king's letter (that
 39 was given to him) and showed it to Moggallāna. And he wept
 and sorely bewailed himself when he saw it. And after he had
 spoken of the great love his father had always unto him, he
 appointed the driver of the chariot to the office of chief of the
 40 king's gate. And Migāra also, the captain of the army, brought
 to the king's notice the request that had aforetime been denied
 unto him, and having obtained the king's leave thereunto, held the
 feast of the dedication of the Abhiseka-jina, according to his desire.
 41 Moreover, Moggallāna gave the Daḥa and the Dāthā-Koṇḍañña
 Vihāras at the Sīhagiri rock to the Sāgalika and Dhammaruci
 42 brethren, and having converted the fortress itself into a vihára,
 he gave it to Mahánāma,‡ the elder of the Dīghasanda Vihāra.
 43 And being a man of great wisdom, he likewise built a convent
 called Rājini, and gave it to the Sāgalika sisterhood.
 44 Moreover, a certain Dāthā Pabhuti of the Lambakaṇṇa race,
 who had been in the service of Kassapa, left it in disgust, and
 45 went up to the Mereliya country and settled there. And he had
 a son, Silākāḷa by name, who, fearing that danger would befall
 him from Kassapa, accompanied his kinsman Moggallāna to
 46 Jambudīpa, and lived the life of a recluse at the Bodhimanda
 47 Vihāra and tarried there, serving the Order (as a novice). And
 48 he was a man of cheerful disposition and of great skill. And
 he presented a mango (one day) to the chapter of elders, and
 they were so pleased with him that they called him (in sport)

* See Note B attached to this chapter.

† January—February.

‡ Dhātusena's uncle, the author of the first thirty-six chapters of the
 "Mahāvamsa."

Amba-Sāmanera ('mango-novice'). Wherefore he was known unto all men by that name.

And he afterwards obtained the Kesadhātu,* as it is written in 49 the "Kesadhātuvaṇṣa," and brought it hither in the reign of Moggallāna. And Moggallāna gratified him with many favours, 50 and took possession of the Hair-relic, and having placed it in a casket of crystal of great value, he bore it in procession to the beautiful image-house of the Lord Dīpaṅkara. And he kept it 51 there and made great offerings to it. He made statues of 52 gold of his uncle and of his consort, and other images also, and a beautiful figure of a horse,† and placed them there. He caused 53 a casket for the Hair-relic to be made, and a parasol and a (small) pavilion studded with gems, and (the statues) of the two chief disciples‡ (of Buddha), and a chowrie. (Yea) the king did honour 54 to it greater even than he cared to give to himself. And the charge thereof he gave unto Silākāla, whom he appointed sword-bearer. Wherefore he came to be known afterwards as Asiggāha 55 Silākāla.§ And, over and above, the king gave unto him his own sister in marriage with a portion. But this is a very brief 56 account. The details in full are to be found in the "Kesadhātuvaṇṣa," from which those who desire more knowledge may gather information. And (the king) set a guard along the sea coast, 57 and thus freed the island from fear (of invasion). And he purged the religion of the conqueror as well as his doctrines by enforcing the observance of discipline among the priesthood.||

And it was in this king's reign that Uttara, the captain of the 58 army, built a house of meditation¶ for the brethren, and called it after his own name. And the king having performed these acts of merit, expired in the eighteenth year (of his reign).

Even so he who was so exceedingly powerful, and had snatched 59 victory from Kassapa, was not able to conquer death by the reason of his merits being exhausted, but was like unto a slave before him. Wherefore wise men will seek to loose death of its

* Hair-relic.

† The expression *cārukaṇ assa bimbāṇ ca* may mean either that he got made a beautiful image of his (own) or that of a horse.

‡ Śāriputra and Moggallāna.

§ *Silākāla*, the swordbearer.

|| See Note 2, chap. XLIV.

¶ *Padhāna-gharaṇ*, a house or structure intended for the exercise of monastic austerities, which are supposed to lead to the attainment of supernatural powers and the subjugation of the passions.

terrors and be happy. Let him therefore who knoweth himself strive to attain Nirváṇa, the real state of happiness and the highest immortality.

Thus endeth the thirty-ninth chapter, entitled "An Account of two Kings," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

NOTE A.

THERE can be no doubt that Kúsyapa committed suicide in the field of battle, for the text is very clear on the point, and admits of no dispute whatever; but there is some obscurity as to the manner in which he did it. The words of the text run as follows:—

..... *Rājā chetvā nikaraṇena so*

Sisaṇ ukkhipiyākāsaṇ churikaṇ kosiyaṇ khipi. (Chap. XXXIX., v. 27.)

The order of the words in Páli prose would be—

So rājā nikaraṇena sisaṇ chetvā ákāsaṇ ukkhipiya churikaṇ kosiyaṇ khipi;

the literal translation of which would be, "The king having cut off (his) head with (his) knife, threw it (the head) into the air, and put the knife into its sheath." This is clearly absurd, at least the throwing by him of his head into the air *after* it had been cut off, and the sheathing of the knife subsequently. The only way of avoiding this ridiculous supposition is to construe the passage in the way I have translated it, viz. :—

So rājā sisaṇ ákāsaṇ ukkhipiya, nikaraṇena chetvā, churikaṇ kosiyaṇ khipi;

which would be, "The king having raised his head towards the sky (*i.e.* raised his head up), cut it (the neck) with a knife, and put the knife into the sheath." As no grammatical difficulty stands in the way of such a construction, I have, after much consideration, and with due deference to the opinions of others who hold otherwise, adopted this rendering.

It would appear that the commission of suicide by kings and princes in despair after defeat, or at the prospect of defeat, in the field of battle, was common at this period, and that it was generally regarded as an act of chivalry.

When Prince Kúsyapa, the noble son of the old blind King Upatissa, made his last gallant and desperate stand in defence of his father, seeing that the elephant he rode on was giving way through sheer fatigue, and that there was no hope of escape, it is said that he killed himself by cutting his own neck. Here, too, a construction that would appear

plausible at first sight would launch us into a sea of absurdity. The incident is narrated in the 24th and 25th verses of chapter XLI., thus—

Haṭṭhārohassa datvána, chinditvá sisam attano

Puñchitvá lohitaṇ katvá kosiyaṇ asiputtakaṇ

Haṭṭhi-kumbhe ubho haṭṭhe ṭhapetvána avatthari.

A strictly literal translation of this passage would run thus :—

“ Having cut off his own head and given it to the elephant-driver, he wiped off the blood from the sword, and after putting it into the scabbard rested both hands on the head of the elephant and extended himself.”

In order to avoid the absurdity which such a rendering would involve, we are bound to put a somewhat forced but very reasonable and natural construction on this passage, viz., “ Having given the elephant in charge of its rider, he cut his neck and wiped off the blood from the sword,” &c. Such a rendering requires only the supply of an ellipsis to make the construction grammatically and strictly accurate, viz., *Haṭṭhārohassa (haṭṭhiṇ) datvána*.

A third instance of suicide on the field of battle occurs later on in chapter XLIV. Jeṭṭhatissa defeated and dethroned Aggabodhi III. surnamed Siri Saṅghabodhi, who fled to India and returned five years afterwards with a Tamil army to recover his throne. A pitched battle was fought between these two rivals near the great tank Kalāvṇva. Jeṭṭhatissa's army was worsted, and although he displayed marvellous feats of valour to retrieve the day, fighting single-handed with many a Tamil warrior, yet all his heroic efforts were of no avail ; and at last, seeing a warrior by the name of Veluppa advance to fight him, Jeṭṭhatissa, who was quite exhausted, took out the knife which he had kept carefully hidden in his betel-purse, and cut his own throat. The incident is thus described in verses 111 and 112 of chapter XLIV.:—

Veluppa Damilaṇ náma disvá yujjhitum ágataṇ

Tambúlatthaviyaṇ haṭṭhe rakkhanto churikaṇ tadá

Tato nikkaraniṇ sammá gahetvá sisam attano

Chetva haṭṭhimhi appetvá churikaṇ kosiyaṇ khipi.

“ Seeing a Tamil named Veluppa coming forward (to the combat), he drew out a knife which he carried carefully in his betel-purse, and cut his neck, and having laid himself down on the back of the elephant, returned the knife into its sheath.”

Here, too, it is quite possible, and even correct, to translate, “ He cut off his head, and having laid it on the back of the elephant, returned the knife into its sheath.” But I do not think that any person, having a due regard to the possible and the impossible, will venture on such a translation.

The next instance of an act of suicide in the field of battle is that of Prince Mahinda, related in chapter L. The prince did his best to stem

the torrent of the wild horde of Tamils that was advancing against the capital, but, finding himself overpowered, and being unwilling to fall into the hands of the enemy, he cut his own neck ; and his immediate retinue followed his example :—

Tasmá varaṇ me maraṇaṇ mayá ev'eti cintiya

Haṭṭhikkhandha-gato yeva chindi so sisam attano

Taṇ disvá bahavo sse tattha chindĩsu sevaká. (Verses 23, 24.)

“‘Better is it, therefore, that I should die by my own hand.’ So saying, he cut off his head (cut his neck) even as he sat upon his elephant, and many of his faithful followers seeing this cut off their heads also.”

This is clear enough, and presents no difficulty whatever.

The last instance which I shall quote is the famous single combat between the two brothers, Dáṭhappabhuti and Moggallána II., wherein the former was defeated and cut his own neck. This passage is important, as it gives us a clue to understand the usual expression *Attano sisaṇ chindi*, ‘he cut off his own head.’

Rájá árabhi taṇ disvá chinditun sísam attano

Moggalláno'tha vandanto yáci m'eraṇ karé iti

Yácamáne pi so mánaṇ mánento chindi kandharaṇ.

(Chap. XLI., vv. 52, 53)

“And when the king saw this he proceeded to cut off his own head. Whereupon Moggallána raised his hands in supplication and besought him saying, ‘Do not so’; but he gave no heed to the prayer, and, caring rather to obey the promptings of his pride, cut his neck.” Here the expression *Sísan chinditun*, ‘to cut off the head,’ is used in the same sense as *kandharaṇ chindi*, ‘cut the neck.’

I have entered into some detail in this matter, as I am aware that the learned editors of the “Mahávaṇṣa” differ from me in their rendering of the Sinhalese version.

It might perhaps be objected that my construction of the three first passages is somewhat forced. Granting this for the sake of argument, I think it better to put even a forced construction on an obscure passage, and elicit sense out of it, wherever it is practicable, than to translate it in such a manner as to obtain, what might rightly be called, incredible nonsense.

NOTE B.

THIS as well as the two chapters immediately preceding, and a few that follow, are couched in language so brief and terse as to be almost oracular in some passages ; and the one we are about to consider is not the least among them. The difficulty of attaching a definite meaning to it is rendered still greater by there being a variant reading of an

important word therein. The 34th verse, in which this occurs, is as follows :—

*Kuddho nīhari { $\frac{dāṭhaṇ}{dāyaṇ}$ } so “ghātakaṇ pituno mama
Anuvattiṇsvamaccāti”; tena rakkhassa nāmaṇā.*

Literally—“He was furious with anger, saying, ‘These ministers attached themselves to him who had slain my father,’ and he protruded his tooth (*dāṭhaṇ*). Hence he was called Rakkhassa.”

The learned Singhalese translators have, however, adopted the reading *dāyaṇ*, and rendered the phrase by “He took away from them their inheritance.” But it may be asked, why the confiscation of the inheritance or property of the evil-doers (which, under the circumstances, was a very proper thing to do) should render him liable to opprobrium, and procure him the undignified title of Rakkhassa, or “The demon”? Rather should not the barbarous action that followed the so-called confiscation of property—namely, the putting to death of one thousand officers, the cutting off the ears and noses of many, the banishment of a great number of them—justify the people in calling him a demon? The verse is complete in itself, and has no connection with the succeeding lines that describe the punishment and tortures inflicted on the followers of the parricide. I therefore prefer to adopt the reading *dāṭhaṇ* followed by Professor Rhys Davids in his text and translation of this chapter, published in the Royal Asiatic Society’s Journal of 1872; but I do not adopt his translation, because it is inconsistent with the context, and for other reasons which I shall presently explain. He renders the passage thus :—


“Being angry with the priests, saying, ‘They assisted at the death of my father, these baldheads,’ he took away the tooth (relic), and thence acquired the name of ‘devil.’”

Now, Moggallāna had no cause whatever for dissatisfaction with the priests; for, apart from the fact that they received him into the capital with due honour and respect, he must have known how they had refused to accept the gift of even a vihára offered to them by Kásyapa, on the ground that it was the gift of a parricide. (See verses 11 and 12.) Besides, it is evident that the learned Professor has based his translation here on a wrong reading of the word *umaccā* (ministers), which he reads *muṇḍā* (baldheads). Moreover, no correct writer would use *dāṭhā* for the Tooth-relic, although one or two instances of such use do occur in the admittedly faulty and ill-written portion of the Mahāvamsa, namely chapters 91–100. But no such use can be found in any other author, or in any other portion of the Mahāvamsa, although this word *Tooth-relic* occurs a great many times in the course of the work. I am therefore of opinion that what the writer means to convey by this expression is that Moggallāna was so exasperated against these men

that he gnashed his teeth violently, so as to protrude one, and that he was therefore nick-named Rakkhasa, inasmuch as those beings are generally supposed to have two curved upper teeth protruding from the corners of their mouths ; and they are, indeed, so depicted up to this day in the fresco-paintings and *bali* images of Ceylon. I have therefore adopted my translation in this sense.

I may add that the similarity of the old Singhalese characters *ṭha* and *ya*, especially when written by a careless copyist, will easily account for the origin of the variant *dāyaṇ*.

CHAPTER XLI.

- 1  N his (Moggallāna's) death his son, the famous Kumāra
 Dhātusēna, became king. His form was like unto a
 ~ god, and he was a man of great strength. He made
 improvements to the vihāra that his father had built, and caused
 an assembly of monks to be held in order to revise the
 3 sacred canon. He purged also the religion of Buddha. To the
 great body of monks he gave the four monastic requisites, and
 satisfied them, and died in the ninth year of his reign after he
 4 had performed many and divers acts of merit. Kittisena, his
 5 son, then became king. He also, after he had performed divers
 acts of merit, lost the kingdom in the ninth month of his reign,
 for Sīva, his mother's brother, killed him and became king.
 Sīva began to perform many acts of merit, when he was killed
 on the twenty-fifth day of his reign by Upatissa, who, when he
 6 had killed Sīva, became king. And he made Moggallāna's
 7 sister's husband, Silākāla, his general. This king bestowed offices
 on the people, and thereby gained their goodwill. And he gave
 his daughter in marriage to Silākāla with a great dowry.
 8 King Upatissa had a son called Kassapa, a mighty man of
 valour. And he took unto himself sixteen other valiant youths
 9 for his companions. To give freely, and from the fulness of his
 heart, was his great wealth, and with his companions, who were
 like-minded with himself, he held fast to the principles of justice
 and lived a life of much action, and honoured his parents greatly.
 10 In process of time, Silākāla's mind being led astray by the lust
 of dominion, he went to the southern Malaya country and
 11 collected a large army there, and, laying waste the outlying
 districts, came near to the capital. When Kassapa, the king's

eldest son, heard this, he comforted his father, who was sore troubled ; and when he had mounted his great stately elephant, 12 he took with him his friends and went forth from the city to meet Silākāla. Seven times and eight times did he set out from 13 the city, but the enemy retreated from him on every occasion. 14 But Silākāla kept himself at a distance, that so he might not encounter him, and when he had by stratagem gained over the eastern and western districts, he returned to the eastern Tissa rock, there to give battle.

On this Kassapa again mounted his tusker, and when he had 15 gathered his friends together he sallied forth and drove the enemy ; and in order to display his own skill, he made the huge elephant to ascend to the top of the rock, whereupon he was called Giri-Kassapa (‘ Rock-Kassapa’). But Silākāla’s spirit was 16 not subdued by his defeat, and, being puffed up with pride, he stirred up the country yet the more, and when he had brought the whole of it under his control, he went up again with a great 17 host that could not be resisted, and with much material of war laid siege to the capital. And the king’s men fought hard against the enemy for seven days, but they were routed and put to flight. And Kassapa then communed thus within 18 himself: “ All the people of the city are suffering from the siege: the defenders have been reduced, and the king is blind and aged ; wherefore it is meet for me that I should convey 19 my father and mother to a place of safety at Merukandaraka, and afterwards raise an army wherewith to fight the enemy.” Accord- 20 ingly Kassapa took his parents and the king’s treasure at night, and, accompanied by his friends, began his journey to the Malaya country ; but his guides, not knowing the way, were perplexed, 21 and wandered hither and thither about the capital. And when 22 Silākāla heard thereof, he made haste after them and surrounded them. And a terrible battle ensued between them ; and when 23 the battle was raging most fiercely, like unto a battle between the gods and the Asurs, and when his friends were falling thick around him, and his noble tusker was giving way, he gave (the elephant) in charge of its rider, and cut his own neck. And when 24 he had wiped the blood from off the blade of his sword, and put 25 it into the sheath, he laid both his hands on the head of the elephant, and extended himself. And when Upatissa heard this, he was struck down with grief as if shot by an arrow, and he died.

Thus, in the space of two years and a half, Upatissa departed 26 this life, and Silākāla became king. Adding his former nickname

27 thereto, the people called him Ambaśámanéra Silákála. And he lived thirteen years, and ruled the island with justice.

28 He caused food from the king's kitchen to be given fresh at the Mahápáli alms-hall, and having at heart the well-being of the people, he increased the emoluments of the hospitals. He made
29 offerings daily to the Bodhi-tree, and caused images also to be made.
30 He gave to all the monks in the island the three robes, and sent forth a decree that there should be no manner of life taken away
31 in the island. He gave offerings daily to the Hair-relic that he had himself brought, and gave the Rahera anicut to the Abhayagiri
32 brethren. He brought away also the throne, *kunta*, from the eastern vihára of the Theriya monks, and placed it at the foot of the Bodhi-tree. Thus did he, till the end of his life, perform innumerable acts of merit.

33 This Silákála had three sons, Moggallána, Dáthápabhuti, and
34 Upatissa. To the eldest he gave the eastern country with the office of A'dipáda, and sent him thither desiring him to dwell
35 there, which he did accordingly. To the second he gave the southern country and the high office of Malaya Rájá, and appointed him to guard the sea-coast. Upatissa, the youngest, of whom the king was exceedingly fond, he kept near him, for he was the fairest to look upon.

37 Now, in the twelfth year of this king's reign, a young merchant went up from this island to the city of Kási (Behares), and
38 brought with him the Dhamma-dhátu from that country. And the king saw it, and being unable to discern between the true and the false doctrine, he regarded it in the light of the doctrine of Buddha, like to the grasshopper that dashes against the burning
39 lamp thinking that it is gold. And he received the Dhamma-dhátu joyfully, and paid great respect and reverence to it. And
40 after he had placed it in a house hard by the king's palace, he was wont to take it yearly to Jétavana, and hold a festival in connection therewith, thinking that the act would benefit his
41 people greatly. Silákála, having in this manner performed many acts of merit, passed away according to his deeds in the thirteenth year of his reign.

42 On the death of Silákála, Dáthápabhuti, his second son, seized the kingdom. This foolish man caused his own brother (Upatissa) to be put to death, because he spoke against the
43 usurpation, saying it was contrary to the law of succession. And when Moggallána heard of the deed he was very wroth, and said, "He has seized a kingdom that descended not rightfully to him ;

he has without cause put my younger brother to death, who
 spake the truth fearing nothing. Now shall I make him to
 govern a kingdom in very deed." He then gathered together a
 large army and went against the Rahera mountain. And when
 the king heard of Moggallána's approach, he prepared to meet
 him with an army that was ready to battle, and encamped near
 the Karindaka mountain. And when Moggallána was informed
 thereof, he sent messengers to the king, saying, "The inhabi-
 tants of this island have sinned neither against you nor against
 me. If one of us die, then will there be no occasion for the king-
 dom to be divided in twain; wherefore, let not others fight, but
 let the combat be between us, each on his elephant (before all
 the army. And it shall be that he who shall be victorious shall
 be king)." And the king having agreed thereto, armed himself
 with the five weapons of war, and mounting the elephant went
 down to the place of battle, like unto Mara as he went against
 the Sage. Moggallána also having armed himself, and having
 mounted a splendid elephant, went forth (to battle) in like manner.
 The huge beasts encountered each other in the fight, and lo! the
 sound of their heads as they beat against each other was heard
 like the roaring of the thunder, while flames of fire, like unto
 lightning, went forth from their tusks as they dashed against
 each other. And with their bodies covered over with blood they
 seemed like two clouds in the face of the evening sky. At length
 the king's elephant was pierced by the tusker of Moggallána,
 and he began to give way. And when the king saw this he
 proceeded to cut off his own head: whereupon Moggallána raised
 his hands in supplication and besought him, saying, "Do not so."
 But he gave no heed to the prayer (of Moggallána), and caring
 rather to obey the promptings of his pride, the king cut his own
 neck. So this king relinquished the kingdom six months and six
 days after he had begun to reign. And the powerful Moggallána
 became king over all the island, and because of his mother's
 brother, who also bore the same name, the people, to distinguish
 him, called him Cula Moggallána ('Moggallána the younger').

There was no one like to him as a poet, and he was greatly
 devoted to the three sacred objects (Buddha, the Dharma, and
 Saṅgha), a habitation wherein dwelt charity, sobriety, purity,
 tenderness, and the other virtues. By making gifts and by kind
 words, by seeking after the welfare of the people and by feeling
 for others as he did for himself, this king won over his subjects.
 By giving alms and dwelling-places, food and raiment to the

- sick, and by giving lawful protection, he won over the priesthood.
- 58 He made unusual offerings to them that preach the doctrine, and caused them to read the three Piṭakas with their commentaries.
- 59 This high-minded man, himself a lamp of the law, used to coax his children by giving to them dainty food, such as they loved,
- 60 and made them to learn the law daily. He was also a man of great talent, and composed many sacred songs, which he caused to be recited by men seated on elephants, at the end of discourses
- 61 at the services of the church. He threw a dam over the Kadamba river from the middle of the mountain, thinking that
- 62 such works tended to long life. And from the great love that he bore to his subjects, he built the tanks Pattapásāṇa, Dhana-vāpi, and Garítara. He also caused sacred books to be written, and made offerings to the sacred objects (Buddha, Dharma, and
- 63 Saṅgha). He loved his subjects with the love of a mother for the child of her bosom. He gave with a free hand, and himself took his pleasures heartily, and died in the twentieth year of his reign.
- 64 On the death of Moggallāna, his queen caused poison to be given to the king's relatives, and thus put them to death, and, placing her son on the throne, conducted the affairs of the
- 65 kingdom with her own hand. The king whom she had thus set on the throne, Kitti-Sirimegha by name, commenced his reign
- 66 by covering the Bodhi-house with sheets of lead. He gave alms also to the beggars, wayfaring men, and mendicant minstrels. Yea, he was like unto a public hall of charity wherein all men were able to partake freely of according to their necessities.
- 67 But the queen, his mother, took the reins of government into her hands, and the kingdom was turned upside down. The great officers of state were enslaved by bribery and corrupt acts of a like manner; and the wealthy and powerful became the oppressors of the weak and needy in all the realm.
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- 69 Now, in the days of Silákāla, there dwelt in the village Saṅgilla a certain person called Abhayasīva, who was descended from
- 70 the Moriya race. And he had a son whom he called Aggabodhi. He had also a nephew known to all the country as Mahánāga,
- 71 and this nephew was even as fair as Aggabodhi. But being a
- 72 powerful man, and ambitious withal, he abandoned the pursuits of the field, and lived the life of a robber in the forests. One day, this Mahánāga sent unto his aunt an iguana that he had
- 73 caught in the forest, and she, perceiving thereby what it was that he stood in need of, sent unto him a basket of grain.

Likewise he sent a hare to the village blacksmith, who also made to him the same return (as his aunt had done). And he sent word unto his sister also, and asked some grain of her. She 74 gave him the grain and a slave also (who might take him his food when it was necessary). And she furthermore gave him in secret meat and drink, and whatsoever else was necessary for his support.

In those days there was a famine in the land, and a certain 75 man skilled in necromancy went about the country asking alms in the disguise of a Buddhist mendicant, that so he might meet with favour in the eyes of the faithful. And having entered that 76 village, and receiving alms of no man therein, he went by the wayside trembling and sore stricken with hunger. And when 77 Mahánága saw him, his heart was filled with compassion for him, and taking the alms-bowl into his own hands, went about the village to get food for him. But no man gave aught unto him— 78 no, not so much even as a little gruel. He then took his own upper-garment, and gave it in exchange for some food, which he gave unto the mendicant, who ate it; and being pleased with 79 Mahánága he thought thus within himself: "This youth must I make worthy of a throne in the island." And in a moment (by the divine power that he had) he conveyed him to the great sea at Gokaṇṇaka. And he set him down there, and when, 80 according to rule, he had conjured up the Nága chief by the power of his spell on the night of the month Phussa, when the moon was in her full, he bade Mahánága to touch the great Nága. But Mahánága feared to do this, and touched not the 81 Nága, who appeared to him in the first watch of the night, and also in the middle watch. But when the last watch came, and 82 the Nága appeared unto him again, he raised it by the tail with three of his fingers, and dropped it. And when his friend the 83 mendicant saw that, he made this prophecy, and said: "My labour has been rewarded. Thou wilt make war with three kings, and the fourth will be killed by thee, and after that 84 wilt thou become king in thy old age, and live for three years. Three of thy descendants also will likewise become kings. Go thy way now and serve thy king. Hereafter shalt thou 85 see my power (when my prophecy comes to pass)." Having spoken these words he dismissed Mahánága, who went on his way and made his appearance before the king, and entered his 86 service. And the king made him his collector of revenue in the Rohaṇa country. And he raised much revenue from

87 that country. Thereupon the king was well pleased, and
 conferred on him the office of Andha Senāpati, and sent
 88 him thither again. And he took with him this time Abhaya-
 siva's son (Aggabodhi) and his own sister's son, and departed
 89 thence. And when he had taken up his dwelling there he
 stirred up the people against the king, and took to himself the
 possession of the whole Rohaṇa country, and collecting a
 large army he went forth thinking to make war against
 90 Dāthāpabhuti. But fearing Moggallāna, he went back to
 Rohaṇa, and dwelt there. But when he heard afterwards that
 Kittī-Sirimegha was king, and that it was a good opportunity
 for him to take possession of the throne, he thought to himself:
 91 "The time is now come for me to take the kingdom." So saying,
 he departed forthwith from the Rohaṇa country, and putting
 the king to death on the nineteenth day, ascended the throne.
 92 And when he had restored order in the kingdom, he wrote letters
 93 to his nephew inviting him to the capital, who, when coming,
 met with an ill-omen on the way, and returned to his country
 and died there. Whereupon Mahānāga, remembering the
 kindness that had been shown to him, appointed his uncle's son
 94 Aggabodhi to the office of sub-king. This king built a basin
 of water wherewith to water the Bodhi-tree, and covered the
 golden house, and placed images of Buddha around the Bodhi.
 95 He renewed the plaster work of the great Cetiya (the Ratanā-
 vali, the Jetavana, and the Abhayagiri), and constructed new
 circlelets for them. He put up also the elephant-rampart, and
 96 built many works for ornament. He made a grant to the Mahā
 Vihāra of the weavers' village called Jambela, in the north, and
 97 the village Tintīṇika. To the establishment at the Jétavana
 he gave the village Vasabha in the Uddhagāma, and to all the
 98 three other establishments he made offerings of cloth. He
 bestowed three hundred fields on the Jetavana Vihāra, and
 ordained that alms also of gruel should be given daily for
 99 ever to the monks of that monastery. And to the dwellers
 at the Mahā Vihāra he gave one thousand fields from the
 Dūra Tissa tank, and ordained an alms of gruel to them for
 100 ever. And being greatly minded to do good works, he gave
 them the Cīramātika water-course, and repaired (for their use)
 101 the Mayūra Pariveṇa. He repaired also the Mahā-dēva-rattañ-
 kurava Vihāra in the district of Kāsikhaṇḍa, and the Anurā-
 rāma Vihāra.

102 And having in this manner performed many and divers works

that tended to heaven, he departed from this world in the third year of his reign to join the company of the king of the gods.

And these eight kings, cheerful in disposition, and possessing boundless wealth, like unto Kuvera, the king of kings, with their gorgeous array of men, and horses, and elephants, and chariots, and brave hosts, left all these splendours at last behind them, and ascended the funeral pile alone and unattended. Let him who is wise, and who seeks his own welfare, ponder this, and be as one who is anxious to vomit out the pleasures of existence.

Thus endeth the forty-first chapter, entitled "The Reigns of Eight Kings," in the Mahāvapasa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XLII.

AGGABODHI, the son of Mahānāga's mother's brother, then became king. He was a man highly favoured by fortune, and he aimed steadfastly at the attainment of the highest knowledge. Surpassing the sun in glory, the full-orbed moon in gentleness, the mount Meru in firmness, the great ocean in depth, the earth in stability, the breeze in serenity, the teacher of the immortals in knowledge, the autumn sky in spotless purity, the chief of the gods in the enjoyment of pleasure, the lord of wealth in riches, the holy Vasiṣṭha in righteousness, the king of beasts in courage, Vessantara in generosity, an universal monarch in the justice of his rule and the extent of his dominions,—this king soon became very famous among his people. He made his mother's brother viceroy, his brother king with him, and his uncle's son the Rájá of the Malaya country. Rich men and nobles also he appointed to high offices according to their deserts, and by his great liberality and other kingly virtues, and the right exercise of the duties of the kingly office, he won the love and goodwill of his people. He made over the southern country and all the men thereof who owed service in time of war, to the young king, his brother, who thereupon took up his abode there, and built the Sirivaddhamána tank. This great king also caused the Saṅghikagiri Vihára to be built, and granted it with two hundred fields to be enjoyed by the Order in common. To his nephew, the Rájá of the Malaya country, he gave his own daughter,

Dáthá, in marriage, and built the Pariveṇa called Siri Saṅgha-
 11 bodhi. He also erected the Pariveṇa called after his own name
 for the use of the great elder Mahásíva. Those also who were
 in attendance on him were, like him, given up to works of merit.
 12 Thus, by continually keeping the company of good men, he was
 able to restore the wholesome customs of their ancestors ; and
 so that all dangers might be avoided, he repaired everything
 13 that had fallen into decay. Poets also, who composed many
 elegant and beautiful verses in the Singhalese language, lived in
 14 his reign. To the Southern Vihára he made an addition of an
 edifice of great and surpassing beauty, and in the ninth year of
 15 his reign he freed the island from all the thorns of strife. He
 built also the Kurunda Vihára, and dedicated it to the monks of
 all the fraternities. And to it he added a tank of the same
 16 name, and a plantation of cocoanuts three yójanas in extent, and
 also two large tracts of defined land to be turned into rice fields.
 He attached to it payments, and honours, and privileges, and
 17 appointed one hundred keepers to watch over it. And in the
 vicinity thereof he built the Ambilapassava Vihára, and gave it
 to the Theriya brotherhood of hermits with the village of the
 18 same name. To the Unnavalli Vihára he granted the village
 Ratana of great and long-standing fame, and he placed there
 19 a solid stone statue of the Teacher. In the Keḷiváta country he
 built a hill, to which he gave the name Sumana, and also a basin
 at the Bodhi-house for holding oil. He built also a terrace there
 20 supported with stones. He repaired the Lohapásáda, and at the
 feast that was held he made offerings of the three robes to
 21 six and thirty thousand monks. He gave also for the use of this
 vihára a village that was held in the name of his daughter, and
 appointed guards for the protection of the building. This wise
 and learned king built, moreover, another edifice at the Hat-
 thikucchi Vihára.

22 And he took counsel at all times of the good priest Dáthásíva
 and ruled his conduct according to the precepts of religion, and
 23 ministered unto that priest as became him. Furthermore, he
 built the great vihára Múgasenápáti, and gave the village
 Lajjika to a certain priest, that he might get the services from
 24 the tenants thereof. And so that merit might attach to the
 spirit of the deceased King Mahánága, he built a Pariveṇa after
 his name, and bestowed it on the great elder who was versed in
 25 the Three Piṭakas. But the elder being now free from all
 earthly desires, gave that vihára to sixty-four mendicant brethren,

who also, like him, were striving after the attainment of spiritual gifts. Thereupon the king granted unto this same elder who dwelt in the Mahá Pariveṇa a spot named Bhinnorudípa from the village Vattakákárapitṭhi. For the Dakkhinagiri-daḥha Vihára, the Mahánága-pabbata Vihára, the Kálavápi Vihára, he built Uposatha halls also.

In like manner, he built a bath at the Abhayagiri Vihára and another at the Cetiyaḡiri, which he called Nágasonḡi ('the Elephant's Pool'), and supplied it with a continual stream of water, and in due course he built the tank Mahindataṭavápi,* and ordained that the statue of the Thera (Mahinda) should be carried in procession from the bund thereof. And he made an order that when (the statue of) the great Mahinda Thera was brought to that place, it should be carried thence along the usual road.† To all the three establishments, the Mahá Vihára, the Jetavana, and the Abhayagiri, he, seven times and eight times, and even nine times, made presents of golden parasols set with gems of great value; and to the great Thúpa he made an offering of a golden canopy that was equal to twenty-four bháras ‡ in weight. To divers other shrines also he gave jewels of great value.

And when he had repaired the temple of the Tooth-relic, he caused to be wrought for it a casket of gold glittering with gems and jewels of divers colours. And for the Mahápáli alms-hall he built a boat of metal to contain the gruel.

This king also constructed the bund of the tank Maṇimekhalá § and opened a great channel into the Maṇihíra|| tank.

* Mihintaláveva.

† There is a little obscurity in the text here, caused by the use of the expression *taṇ racchá eva* or the variant reading given in the foot-note of the text *taracchá eva*. The Sinhalese translators use the same word, and construe it to mean "that it should be carried by taracchá's," which they interpret as "goldsmiths" in their Glossary. But it is not clearly evident that the word *taracchá* means a goldsmith: neither is there any reason why goldsmiths should have been made to carry the statue of the great Mahinda. The only meaning of *taracchá* is a hyena; but it is ridiculous to suppose that hyenas were made to draw the statue. I have therefore regarded this word here as a clerical error, and taken the correct reading of the passage to be *taṇ racchá' eva nentu*, which would convey the meaning of "let it be carried on or along the road." I fancy what is meant is that the statue was to be brought to the bund or brink of the tank first, and after this had been done it was thence to be carried along the usual road.

‡ Bhára is a weight of gold equal to two thousand *palas*, and a *pala* is equal to a little over three *tolas*.

§ Ś. Minimevulá.

|| Minneriya.

- 35 Now, about this time, a certain great elder, Jotipála by name,
 carried on a controversy with the Vetulla heretics in the island,
 36 and defeated them: And when Dáthá Pabhuti, the governor of
 the province, who had joined himself unto the heretics, had heard
 thereof, he was so overcome with rage and shame that he raised
 his hand to strike the victorious elder, and lo! an abscess broke
 37 out at that instant. And the king was so pleased with the elder,
 that he prevailed on him to dwell at the vihára. And Dáthá
 Pabhuti, by reason of his pride, would not go up to the elder
 (and beg that he would forgive him), and they say he died of the
 38 malady wherewith he was afflicted, whereupon the king gave the
 province to Aggabodhi, his sister's son, and made him governor
 thereof, and commanded him to protect the elder, which he did
 39 accordingly. And last of all the king built the Nílagehaparic-
 cheda monastery and gave it also to the same elder. And when
 he had performed many and various good deeds he died in the
 thirty-fourth year of his reign.
- 40 Aggabodhi then became king. And they called him the
 "Younger," because of the great age of the king who had preceded
 41 him. And this king being well acquainted with the customs of
 the olden times, was enabled to govern the island well. He took
 to wife the daughter of his mother's brother, and gave her the
 42 rank of queen, and made Saṅghabhadda, a kinsman of his queen-
 consort, his swordbearer. And as he envied not to give power
 into the hands of others, he bestowed high offices on his subjects
 43 according to their deserts. He built the Veluvana Vihára and
 dedicated it to the Ságali Order of monks (the Jetavana brother-
 hood), and built the Jamburantaragalla and Mátika-piṭṭhi
 Viháras also.
- 44 During this king's reign the king of Káliṅga, being much
 moved with horror at the destruction of the lives of men in war-
 45 fare, and resolving to lead the life of a recluse, came to this island
 and joined himself to the brotherhood under the great elder
 46 Jotipála. The king also ministered unto him for a long time,
 and built for him a cloister for performing austerities at the
 47 Matta-pabbata Vihára. And the queen and the minister also
 of this royal monk came likewise and received ordination. And
 when King Aggabodhi's queen heard how she had taken orders,
 she went up and ministered unto her with great affection, and
 48 built for her the convent Rataná. And to the minister, who also
 had become a monk, the king gave the Vettavása Vihára situated
 at Kaṇḍaráji in the east. But he cared not to accept it, and

gave it away to the Order to be possessed by them in common. And when, in process of time, he died, the king wept sore and lamented for him ; and (so that merit might attach) to his spirit, he built a cloister for the services of religion at Cúlagalla Vihára and another at Palanagaraga. Thus did the king perform acts of merit in the name of the deceased elder.

One day, when the elder Jotipála was worshipping at the Thúpáráma Cetiya, a portion of it broke off and fell before him. And this grieved that elder greatly, and he sent for and informed the king of the damage that had been done. Whereupon the king, being much astonished at the sight, set workmen forthwith to repair the breach. (And when this had been done) he removed the right collar-bone that had been deposited there into a recess in the Lohapásáda, and set guards to watch over it, and made offerings to it both day and night. And as the work of repairing the edifice was making but slow progress, the guardian deities of the Thúpáráma appeared to the king in a dream by night, and taking unto themselves the shape of overseers of temple lands, spake angrily to him, saying, "If, O king, there be any longer delay in finishing the repairs to the relic-house, the relics shall we remove, and carry off to some other place." And the king instantly awoke in great fear, and, setting himself to the task at once, made an end of all the work that remained to be done at the relic-house, including the painting and the ornaments thereof.

And he arranged four images throughout the relic-room, also a throne made of solid stone, and a golden canopy, and other works of art inlaid with stone and ivory. His ministers and the other nobles also made one hundred reliquaries at their own expense, and repaired many of the works that had been built by the King Devánampiyatissa. Thus did this king, by every means in his power, cause suitable offerings to be made on a great scale to the sacred receptacle. And with a mind full of devotion he brought out the relic from the Lohapásáda, accompanied by the priesthood, with the great elder Jotipála at their head, and carried the relic in procession in its casket to the relic-house, and solemnly deposited it there. And he placed himself and the whole island of Lapká at its service, and granted to the warders of that house the village, the profits of which had (up to that time) been enjoyed by the queen. He also built the relic-house Rájayatana in the Nágadípa, and the house Uṇṇaloma, and caused a parasol to be made for the A'mala Cetiya. To this

vihāra he made a grant of the village Tattagāma, that they might obtain their gruel from thence, and to the Abhayagiri Vihāra he
 64 gave the village Aṅgaṇa Sālaka; and he added a dormitory thereto, and called it Dāṭhaggabodhi, after his queen Dāṭhā and him-
 65 self. The queen also built an excellent vihāra, which she called Kapālanāga, and having endowed it with the means of obtaining the four monastic requisites, she made a gift thereof to the priests
 66 of the same brotherhood. Moreover, the king built another house surmounted by a silver spire at the Jetavana establishment, and himself took the oversight of the digging of a well near the Bodhi-tree.

67 He built also the tanks Gangātata Valāhassa and Giritata, and improved the Mahāpāli alms-hall, after making a receptacle,
 68 shaped like a boat, to hold boiled rice. And the queen caused boiled rice to be issued regularly to the order of nuns.

Having thus performed these works of merit, the king went to heaven in the tenth year of his reign.

69 Even so, rulers, though they abound in wealth, and are diligent in good works, yield at last to death. The thoughtful man should therefore ponder well over the ways of this world, and, freeing himself of the thought of an all-controlling fate, wean his mind from the love of earthly things. And taking to himself the robe of the recluse he should go forward without fear on the road to Nirvāṇa (the great goal of salvation).

Thus endeth the Forty-second Chapter, entitled "The Reigns of Two Kings," in the Mahāvaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XLIV.

THEN Saṅghatissa, the swordbearer, became king. He was a great lover of justice, and gave himself up much to promote religion and the welfare of his country. He conciliated the people also by bestowing offices of state on such as were deserving of them.

And Moggallāna, the general of Aggabodhi the Younger, who then dwelt at Rohaṇa, having heard that Saṅghatissa had taken the reins of government into his hands, went up with a great host to make war against him, and pitched his camp at Mahāgalla. And Saṅghatissa also, when he heard of this, sent forth an army

to give him battle. But Moggallána, who commanded the greater force, compelled the king's troops to fall back, and, pushing forward with his elephants and horses, took up his position at Rattiviháraka, where he fortified himself and began to add greatly to his forces. And when these things came to the ears of the king, he set out for Kadalládi-Niváta, and having sent his army before him, encountered and defeated them, and returned to his capital. But Moggallána restored his army again to its former strength, and advanced to Karehera. And the king's general sent out his own son in command of the king's forces to meet the enemy, and craftily feigned himself to be ill and dispirited, and moved not from his bed as if he were nigh unto death. And when the news of the general's sickness reached the king, he set out at once and visited him, and spake cheerfully unto him, saying, "Grieve not because you are too ill to go with me to the field of battle. But remain here and guard the city, and give counsel to the young prince how he should manage the kingdom." And when all the men who could carry arms had been sent out to the field of battle, and the king's provisions failing him, his attendants served him with food prepared at the Mahápáli alms-hall, which, when the king perceived, he was greatly disgusted, and communed with himself, saying, "It cannot be that I have come to such a pass." Thereupon he mounted his elephant and made haste with his son and a small force of men, and proceeded to the Eastern Tissa mountain, where he met the enemy and engaged them, and was attacked on both flanks by them. The crafty general (whom the king had left in the capital to take care of the kingdom), seeing this went up and attacked the king's army in the rear. And the king's son, when he saw this deed of the traitor, asked the king's leave to turn and crush him. But the king prevented him, saying, "Think not of that: our army is not equal, by reason of its weakness, for such a work, and it will certainly perish in the end." The king was now hemmed in by two armies, and his forces were divided, in that they had to contend against the rebel as well as his own general; and as the battle was proceeding the king's elephant took shelter in the shade of a Madhuka-tree,* and the king's parasol was caught among the branches, and it fell to the ground. The Rebel's men, seeing this, caught it up and gave it to their lord, who raised it and displayed it to all the host from the top of the rock.

* *Bassia latifolia*.

20 And the king's forces, who had now been scattered on all sides,
 seeing this, mistook the rebel chief for their king, and rallied
 21 round him. The king being now left alone, dismounted from
 his elephant, and with his son and his faithful minister fled to
 the Meru-majjara forest, which was hard by.

22 Moggallána being now victorious, took his army together with
 the treacherous general and his wicked son, and arrived at the
 23 capital and made himself the lord of the island. But thinking
 that he was not safe on the throne as long as any rival lived,
 24 and having heard that the late king had left a son in the city,
 he became greatly enraged, and ordered that the hands and feet
 25 of the young prince should be forthwith cut off. And the
 officer to whom he had given the command proceeded at once to
 fulfil it. But the young prince, when he was told thereof, was
 26 greatly distressed, and wept sore, saying, "Wherewith shall I eat
 my cakes if thou cuttest off these hands of mine, which are wont
 27 to serve me with cakes?" The king's servant hearing the lamen-
 tation of the prince was exceedingly sorry at the order of the king,
 but fearing to disobey it, the base man, with tears and sobs, cut
 28 off the left hand and the left foot of the prince. Jetṭhatissa,
 another son of the dethroned king, heard of this, and escaped in
 disguise, and went to a place called Merukandaraka, in the
 Malaya country.

29 In the meantime the king, his father, with his son and his
 minister (left the forest of Merumajjara and) secretly made their
 way to the Veluvana Vihára, where, being advised thereto by
 30 the priests, they put on the yellow robe. And being desirous of
 reaching the province of Rohaṇa in the disguise of a priest, he
 arrived at Maṇihíra on his journey thither. But the men of the
 king who was then reigning, and who had been placed there,
 31 recognised the three fugitives, and seized them and bound them
 32 with fetters, and sent word thereof to their master. The king
 was very much delighted therewith, and gave orders, saying,
 "Take the captives forthwith to Sihagiri, and there behead the
 33 king and his son without any fear or scruple, but bring me the
 34 minister alive." And the king's servants who had been so
 ordered took the three prisoners to Sihagiri, and prepared to do
 35 as they had been commanded. Then the young prince obser-
 ving it, spake unto the executioner, and said, "I pray thee cut
 36 off my head first as that would be better for me." And the
 king's servants did as they had been asked, and afterwards
 beheaded the captive king. Oh, ye who care to take heed of

human actions, behold the deeds of wicked men! So unabid- 37
ing is prosperity; it endureth not, and neither is it within one's
own control. Ye who put your trust therein, wherefore then do
ye not strive after that happiness which is everlasting?

The executioner then spake unto the faithful minister and told 38
him all the king's orders. And when he heard it he smiled, and
spake thus unto them, "Has it been left to me to see the head- 39
less body of my master, and think ye that I shall serve another
after that I had served him? Ye have slain him here, and will ye 40
now carry away his spirit? Alas! what fools are ye? Verily I
believe that ye are madmen and insane." Saying these words, 41
he fell at his master's lifeless feet and clung unto them, so that
the king's servants were not able to remove him from the dead
body of the monarch. And so they cut off his head also and bore 42
all the three together, and showed them to the king, who openly
displayed his joy to all the people at what had happened. And 43
soon after he bestowed on the traitorous general the office of
Malaya Rájá, and his son he made the king's swordbearer.

This king also caused the three Thúpas to be covered with new 44
cloth, and festivals also to be held at all the Thúpas in Lapká.
The Hair-relic of the lord, the Tooth-relic, and the great Bodhi 45
he honoured also with many presents. He held the May festivals 46
and others according to the rites that were in custom, and purged
the whole religion of Buddha by means of a disciplinary act.*
He caused the three Piṭakas also to be rehearsed with great 47
pomp, and rewarded the learned monks with exceeding great
presents. He gave robes to all the monks that dwelt in the 48
island, and made a present of the Kaṭhina robes to all the
monasteries, and gave orders that new images should be made 49
and that old buildings should be repaired. To the Order he gave
three hundred salt-pans also. At Kúrapitṭhi he built the 50
Moggallána Vihára, and likewise viháras at Pitthigáma, Sagáma,
and Vaṭagáma. He built also the Cetiyaḡeḡa and the Rakkhá 51

* *Dhamma-Kammaṇ*—This expression occurs often in the Mahávaṃsa to denote the manner in which the earlier kings interfered to carry out reforms in the Buddhist Church. It means literally a *legal act*. In some instances this act was applied for and obtained by one of the members of the brotherhood. (See verse 75, *et seq.*) The act seems to have consisted in the promulgation by the king of a decree enforcing the observance of discipline among the priesthood, and, in some cases, empowering one or more of its Order to carry out the decree into effect by means of an ecclesiastical court.

Vihára. He endowed very many viháras also with much land
 52 for their support. In this manner did the king many good deeds,
 remembering of how short a duration was the fortune of the
 king his predecessor.

53 Now, about that time, the king, angered at some fault of the
 Malaya Rájá, and remembering also the traitorous deed that he
 54 had committed on his former master, enticed him by a device,
 and (when he had got him into his power) caused his hands and
 feet to be cut off. And when this came to the ears of his son,
 the swordbearer, he fled to Rohaṇa, taking with him his own
 55 son, and dwelt there, and soon made himself lord of the country.
 And he went to Jetthatisa, who remained in concealment in the
 56 Malaya, and began in alliance with him to lay waste the whole
 country. He encamped himself with an army at the Doḥa-
 57 pabbata, which, when the king heard of, he went at the head of
 58 an equipped army and intrenched himself near the enemy. And
 it came to pass that a great number of the king's men died of a
 fever that broke out among them. And when the swordbearer
 59 came to hear of this, he attacked the enemy in great force, and
 the king's host being greatly weakened by sickness and death,
 60 broke and fled, the king himself following after them. And the
 swordbearer (pursued after him and) overtook him near Sīhagiri,
 and seeing that nobody was at hand to protect him, he slew him
 61 together with his followers. Intending to kill Jetthatisa also
 who was following close by, he sent messengers unto him, saying,
 62 "Come and be king." But Jetthatisa, fearing his object,
 turned back and fled to the Malaya country, thinking, "How can
 he give unto me a kingdom which he had gotten himself with so
 much trouble?"

63 And this swordbearer having killed the reigning king
 64 Moggallána, surnamed Dalla, in the sixth year of his reign,
 entered the beautiful city of Anurádhapura with a great army,
 and became king under the title of Silámeghavaṇṇa, and extended
 65 his dominion over the whole island. And after he had saluted
 the Order and the Bodhi, he rendered the honours that were due
 66 to the three Thúpas, and patronised the Mahápáli alms-hall. In
 a time of great scarcity he distributed milk-rice among the
 Order, mixed with ghee and honey, and supplied the monks with
 67 water-strainers also. He gave largely to the beggar, the way-
 farer, and the mendicant, and by divers acts of charity gained
 their love. And being kind-hearted by nature, he even gave
 away cake-money among the children.

He made offerings to the solid stone statue of Buddha at the 68
 Abhayagiri Vihára, and having renewed the old house of that
 statue, and adorned it with divers gems, he dedicated unto it the 69
 Kolavápi tank. He gave also to it all manner of protection, and
 always held the festivals connected with it with great pomp.

While this ruler of the realm, a vessel of all virtues, was thus 70
 passing his days, Sirinága, the chief, the uncle of Jetthatisa,
 proceeded to the opposite coast of India and gathered together a 71
 great number of Tamils, and returned to the northern part of the
 country and essayed to take it. But the king having heard 72
 thereof, went up to meet the enemy, and gave him battle at the
 village Rája-mittaka, and killed Sirinága and captured such of 73
 his Tamil followers as were not slain on the field of battle ; and
 after he had most cruelly treated them, he gave them away as
 slaves to different viháras in the island. And returning in 74
 triumph to the capital, the ruler of the land restored order
 throughout the kingdom and lived without fear of any danger.

At that time a certain monk, by name Bodhi, of the Abhaya- 75
 giri fraternity, seeing how great a number of his brethren were
 wholly given up to lewdness, although he was not himself an
 elder in robes, approached the king and begged him that he 76
 would issue a decree to enforce discipline in the Order. Where-
 upon the king issued a decree for the enforcement of discipline,
 which he caused to be executed at the vihára by (the young
 monk) himself. And all the lewd priests who had been expelled 77
 from the Order, conspired together, and secretly killed him and
 set aside all that had been done. When the king heard of this 78
 he was greatly enraged, and seized them all in a body and cut off
 their hands and bound them with fetters, and appointed them to
 be guardians of tanks. A hundred other monks also of this 79
 Order he banished to India. Thus did the king, remembering
 the zeal of the monk Bodhi, purify the religion of Buddha. He 80
 requested the monks of the Mahá Vihára fraternity that they
 should observe the Uposatha ceremony in common with the
 monks of the Abhayagiri. And when the former refused to do
 as he had desired, he was greatly incensed, and mercilessly
 insulted and abused them with many hard words. He then 81
 proceeded to the southern country, without obtaining forgiveness
 from the monks for the offence that he had done against them.
 And there he was seized with a severe illness that caused his 82
 death soon after. And thus he left the world in the ninth year
 of his reign.

83 His son Aggabodhi* then became king, with the title of Siri-
 84 saṅghabodhi. Māṇa, his younger brother, he crowned as sub-king,
 and gave him the southern country with the whole army that
 85 was stationed in that province. He ruled the country with justice,
 honoured the Order greatly, and disregarded not the customs of
 86 ancient kings. And Jetṭhatissa, who was then in the Malaya
 country, having heard of these things, went up to Ariṭṭhagiri and
 87 gained over the people of that part to his cause, and having
 established his authority over the southern and eastern countries,
 he marched step by step towards the capital with a great host
 88 and with much hope. Dāthásiva, his general, he sent to reduce
 the western country, and remained himself at the village Siri-
 89 pitṭhika. And the king having heard of these things sent his
 brother, the sub-king, with an army, to the western country.
 90 And he went and drove away the enemy. The general of
 Jetṭhatissa's army then went up to Máyetti, where the king him-
 self met him, and saying, "Now can the stripling be crushed
 like a young bird in his nest," fell on him unawares, and took
 91 him prisoner. And hoping to fall upon Jetṭhatissa in like
 manner, and take him prisoner also, the king advanced boldly to
 92 meet him with a small army. But Jetṭhatissa having had
 warning thereof beforehand, prepared himself with a well-armed
 host to meet the king, and surrounded his army like unto a sea
 93 that had burst its bounds, and overpowered him. The king's
 army being thus altogether routed, he mounted on an elephant
 and instantly fled alone, and in disguise, from the field of battle.
 94 And six months after that he had been defeated he went on
 board a ship and made haste to India, leaving his country and
 his kinsmen and his treasure behind him.
 95 Jetṭhatissa was then crowned king in the capital, and he
 governed the country as his predecessors had done, and gave
 96 protection to the religion of the land. He gave the village
 Mahádāragiri to the Abhayagiri Vihāra, the Bodhi-tree called
 97 Mahámetta to the Mahá Vihāra, and the village Goṇḍigāma to
 98 the Jetavana Vihāra. To Mahánāga, the chief priest of the
 Padhānaghāra, he gave the villages Matulaṅgāna and Dumbaraṅ-
 gāna; the village Ambilápika to the Kassapagiri Vihāra; the
 99 village Kakkhaḷaviṭṭhi to the Veluvana Vihāra; the village
 Keheta to the Gaṅgāmāti Vihāra; the village Cullamátika to
 100 the Antaráganga Vihāra; the village Sahannanagara to the

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Máyetti Vihára; the village Udagáma to Kálavápi Vihára. 101
 These Viháras and many others he enriched with abundant gifts
 of land. He expended three hundred thousand pieces of money 102
 also in repairing temples, and gave the three robes to all monks
 who dwelt in the island.

And the brethren of king Sirisañghabodhi who had fled to India, 103
 and who were now concealing themselves in various parts of the
 island, were laying waste the country by degrees. And Jettha- 104
 tissa, having heard of it, went up to Kálavápi and encamped there,
 and made war on them. And king Sirisañghabodi, who also had 105
 fled to the coast, now came back with a large army of Tamils, and
 having reached Kálavápi, prepared to give him battle. And when 106
 Jetthatissa heard that the king had arrived with an army, he
 sent his general, Dáthásíva, to India (that he might raise an
 army of Tamils there), and mounting his well-equipped elephant 107
 put himself at the head of his army and led them on to battle.
 And in the fight that ensued Jetthatissa's army was repulsed, and
 seeing them give way he spake unto his minister who was
 riding with him, and said, "Take this my message first to my 108
 queen, and do after it as it pleaseth you. Say unto her, 'Take 109
 thyself into a convent, great queen; learn there the doctrines of
 religion, and having preached the Abhidhamma, give the merit
 thereof unto the king.'" And the king having ordered this 110
 message to be delivered to his queen, fought bravely with each
 Tamil that came forth to meet him, and killed all of them. And 111
 at last (when he was quite exhausted), seeing a Tamil named 112
 Veluppa coming forward to the combat, he drew out a knife that
 he carried carefully in his betel-purse, and cut his neck, and
 having laid himself down on the back of his elephant he returned
 the knife into its sheathe. Whereupon the enemy raised a great 113
 shout; and the king's minister took to flight and went and
 informed the queen of their defeat, and delivered to her the
 message which had been entrusted to him when the king cut off
 his head. And the queen took herself into a convent, and 114
 when she had perfected herself in the Abhidhamma and the
 Atthakathá, she descended one day from the pulpit, and having 115
 seated herself on the ground, spoke to the king's minister
 (who was attending to her discourse), saying, "Come now,
 show us the manner of my lord the king's death." And the 116
 minister being thus desired, sat himself also before her, and cut
 his neck and cast away the knife from him, saying, "Thus did 117
 the king his majesty die." And she (the queen-nun), who

witnessed the deed, was so overcome with grief that she died of a broken heart.

Thus did this king Jetṭhatissa depart this life five months after he had begun to reign.

118 He (Aggabodhi, who was also called Sirisaṅghabodhi) having
now defeated all his enemies and gained the victory over them,
119 took up his abode in the capital and restored the kingdom to its
120 former state. He gave away the two villages Haṅkúra and
Sámugáma, and the king's portion of Kehella with the tenants
thereof, as a gift to the high priest who dwelt at the Padhána-
ghara called Mahalla-rāja, that he had built in memory of his
121 father, the sub-king. Likewise also he gave the village Mahá-
maṇika to the Jetavana Vihára, and the village Sálagáma to the
122 vihára of Mayetti, and the village Ambillapadara to the Cetiya-
giri; and at Pullatthinagara he made the island Mahápánádi.

123 And his ministers caused the sub-king Mána to be put to death,
in that he had done a wicked thing among the king's wives,
124 although he had been pardoned (by the king). Then the king
125 appointed Kassapa, another of his brothers, as sub-king, so that
the office might remain in the king's family. But Dáthásíva,
having heard of the sub-king Mána's death, got together an army
126 of Tamils and went up against the village Tintini. And when
the king heard of his coming, he proceeded with an army to meet
him and gave him battle. And the king was defeated, and he
127 fled alone to India in the twelfth year of his reign, leaving every-
thing behind save the king's necklace of pearls, which he took
128 away in order that thereby he might be known there. He
(Dáthásíva) then ascended the throne, and was arrayed as king
according to all the ceremonies of state, but without the royal
necklace. And he was known over the island as Dáthopatisa.
129 But the other (dethroned king) took advantage of every oppor-
tunity and made war and got back his kingdom. Thus did these
kings in their turn war against each other and drive each other
130 away from the throne; and by reason of this continual warfare
the people were sore oppressed, and suffered greatly; and the
131 country was brought to great poverty. And (when these wars
were going on) Dáthopatisa destroyed all the works that had
been done by his predecessors, and took to himself all the wealth
132 of the three brotherhoods and of the relic-houses. He melted
the golden images also, and took the gold thereof for his use.
133 He despoiled the temples of all their offerings of gold, and removed
the golden pinnacle of the Thúpárama, and melted the golden

canopy, that was studded with gems of great value, which was on the top of the great Cetiya. And he gave away the vessels for holding rice that were in the Máhapáli to his Tamil followers, who, again, destroyed all the king's palaces and the relic-house. And afterwards, when he repented himself of his acts, he built the vihára Sákavatthu and endowed it with land, that he might purge himself thereby of the wicked deeds that he had done.

And his nephew (sister's son), who was known among the people by the name of Ratanadátha, became the chief governor, and gave him much help. And when the fortune of war turned, and Aggabodhi took the government into his hands, Kassapa, his sub-king, rashly pulled down the Cetiya at the Thúpárama and robbed it of all the rich offerings that had been made to it by Devánampiyatissa, Aggabodhi the younger, and other ancient kings, that so he might support his army, being incited thereto by wicked men and bad advisers. He also pulled down the Cetiya of the Dakkhina Vihára and took therefrom much substance of great value. In like manner did he pull down many other Citiyas also. And so ill-advised was he of his friends, that they say the king had it not in his power to stop him from doing these wicked deeds. Oh ! how difficult it is to restrain evil-minded men. Wherefore the king who had been unable to restrain him, spent a thousand pieces of money and re-built the Thúpárama Cetiya that was destroyed by the sub-king, and held a festival in honour thereof.

And when Aggabodhi was defeated by Dáthopatisa he went to Rohana to raise an army there. And during his sojourn there he was attacked by a disease which caused him his death after an interrupted reign of sixteen years. His younger brother Kassapa, the sub-king, then defeated Dáthopatisa and drove him into India, and brought the whole country under the dominion of one king, though he wore not the crown himself. And having joined himself to the virtuous, he repented him afterwards of all that he had done ; and in order that he might avert the evil consequences of the deeds that he had aforetime committed, he laid out gardens of flowers and of fruits, and built many tanks. He made great offerings to the three Cetiya and to the Thúpárama, to which he dedicated a village also. He caused the doctrines of religion to be preached by holy monks who lived not among the habitations of men. He built a great house also at Maricavaṭṭi, and made the great elder of Nāgasāla to dwell in it. He attended also to all the wants of that abbot while he lived

- there, by providing him with the four monastic requisites, and prevailed on him so that he recited the Abhidhamma with the
- 151 Aṭṭhakathá also. He built another house for this same elder at Nágasála, and gave it to him as a present with the village Mahá-niṭṭhila, for his support.
- 152 And Dáthopatissa returned afterwards from India with a large
- 153 army and made war against Kassapa. But Kassapa, with the help of his army that he equipped and made fit for battle, defeated and killed him. Thus did the reign of this king Dáthopatissa
- 154 extend over a period of twelve years. And at this great battle Dáthopatissa's sister's son, who bore the same name, fled to India for fear of Kassapa.
- 155 So uncertain, indeed, are all earthly possessions! They are gotten with great difficulty, and their splendour lasteth but for a moment. Therefore, he who seeks after his own well-being should abandon all his affection for them, and devote himself to the precepts of religion.

Thus endeth the forty-fourth chapter, entitled "The Reigns of Six Kings," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XLV.

AND Kassapa, after he had gained the victory, and having fulfilled all his desires (turned his mind to the improvement of the things within the kingdom). He increased the food that had been given to the Order at the Mahápáli alms-hall, and made great offerings to the holy monk Mahá Dhammakathí, who dwelt at Nágasála, and made him preach the sacred doctrines. And for the monk of Kaṇḍhakára, who dwelt in the monastery that the king's brother had built, he caused the whole Páli scripture to be written together with the lesser books.* He repaired the buildings that had been broken down and added new works to the Cetiya, and made gifts of land in divers places to the Order. He made three crest-jewels glittering with divers gems for (the pinnacles of) the three Cetiya, and fulfilled the desires of one hundred Paṇḍupalásas† with gifts of cloth.

* *Sasāṅgahan*, lit. "with epitomes."

† A Paṇḍupalása is a lay candidate for holy orders living in the vihára until he could get his robes and alms-bowl made.

He had many children, of whom the eldest was Mánaka.* But they were all young, and not having come of age lacked understanding. So when he was laid low with an incurable disease, he thought within himself that all his sons, by reason of their tender years, were not fitted to take the government into their hands. He sent, therefore, for his nephew, who dwelt in the Rohaṇa country, and who was a man of great understanding, and gave the whole kingdom into his care, together with his sons. And after he had worshipped at the Cetiya with offerings of scents and flowers, he gave to the Order the four monastic requisites and obtained their forgiveness. And the king having thus conducted himself righteously towards his friends and his ministers and his subjects, passed away according to his deeds in the ninth year of his reign.

And his nephew Māṇa having performed with all honour everything that was due to the dead body of his uncle, reconciled himself to his subjects, and drove away the Tamils (from their offices and from all power). Whereupon they conspired together to expel him (from the chief place in the government); and while he was absent from the capital, they took it and sent a message unto Hattha-dāṭha† who had fled to India, asking him to return hither and take up the government of the kingdom. And Māṇa, likewise, made all haste and sent unto his father (Dappuḷa) in the Rohaṇa country (telling him of all that had happened). And when the (Regent's) father heard thereof, he hastened out from the Rohaṇa country (to take counsel with his son as to these things). And they agreed among themselves and sowed strife among the Tamils. (And the Tamils then sought the friendship of the Regent,) and all of them lived peacefully together. Māṇa then raised his father to the throne and crowned him. And soon after Dappuḷa had been made king he gave three thousand pieces for the service of the three fraternities, and when he had conciliated the Order and the people, he sent the royal treasures to Rohaṇa, so that they might not fall into the hands of the enemy.

And when Hattha-dāṭha had received the message that was sent to him, he made haste to the island with an army of Tamils. Whereupon all the Tamils who dwelt in the island returned from

* He subsequently became king and reigned for thirty-five years. The interesting history of his life is narrated in the forty-seventh chapter.

† See chap. XLIV., v. 154.

their allegiance to the king and joined themselves to Hattha-dáṭha, who was yet on his way to the capital. Mána, hearing of these things, determined that it was not then a meet opportunity for war, and having sent his father to Rohaṇa together with all precious things that belonged to him, betook himself to the eastern country, and dwelt there, and laboured greatly to win the goodwill of the people therein.

And Hattha-dáṭha, having now gained over the great men of the Tamil party, seized the royal city and proclaimed himself king by the name of Dáṭhopatissa. The people also called him by that name, as it was well known to them, that being the name of his uncle. He sent unto his cousin Aggabodhi and appointed him sub-king, and gave him the southern country. And he bestowed offices, according to their deserts, on all those who had served him faithfully, and did all things that were needful for the advancement of religion and the good of his subjects. And he gave gifts of curdled milk, and rice and milk, and milk-rice, and clothes, at the Mahápalī. And he observed the sacred days and heard the preaching of religious doctrines. He caused all the festivals also to be observed, and took heed that the doctrines of religion were duly expounded. And by these acts of great merit he did much good to himself also.

To the Vihára of Kassapa he gave the village Sena; to the Chief of the Padhánaghara the tank Mahágalla; to the Mayúra Pariveṇa the village Kasagáma; and the village Puṇṇoli to the Thúpárama, the which Cetiya he honoured also (in other ways). He built the Kappúra Pariveṇa at the Abhayagiri Vihára, and to the same brotherhood he gave, moreover, a vihára called Tiputhulla. And while this vihára was in building, the Theriya brethren objected, saying that it encroached upon their sacred boundary. But the king gave no heed to them, and built it on the same ground (that he had chosen). Thereupon the Theriya priests were displeased with the conduct of the king, and they looked upon him as a wicked disciple, and inflicted upon him the punishment of the Inversion of the alms-bowl* (as set forth in the Vinaya). And, indeed, it has been said by the great Sage that any lay disciple who shall impiously endeavour to cause

* This is a kind of punishment inflicted on laymen for a persistent course of unrighteous conduct towards the Order. The mendicant in passing the gate of such people inverts his bowl if food be offered to him, i.e.,—he refuses the food.

loss or injury to the Order, or shall abuse or revile them, to him shall the Inversion of the alms-bowl be done. The Theriya 33 priests therefore acted in this manner towards the king, but the foolish multitude understood otherwise, and thought that the monk who goes his begging rounds, carrying the bowl in the 34 proper way, inverts it at the gate of the palace (disdaining the king). But soon after the king was afflicted with a sore disease, 35 and came to his life's end in the ninth year of his reign.

And in the meanwhile the late king Dappuḷa dwelt in his own 36 Rohaṇa country, and was gaining much merit to himself there.

And here it seemeth best to us to show clearly his descent, in- 37 asmuch as the record when made in this very place will not cause confusion (hereafter).

Now there lived a man of the Okkāka race, the renowned 38 Mahātissa. And he was highly favoured by fortune and was like unto a mine for his innumerable virtues. And he had a wife, 39 Saṅghasívā by name, the daughter of the lord of Rohaṇa, a woman endowed with much wealth and great fortune. And she 40 bore him three sons, of whom the first was called Aggabodhi, and the second Dappuḷa, and the third Maṇiakkhika. And she had 41 also one daughter, who was led in marriage to the king (of Rohaṇa). The first-born established his authority over the Rohaṇa. And having great wealth he built the Mahápāḷi alms- 42 hall at Mahágāma and the Pariveṇa Dāṭhaggabóddhi in the same place. And at Kāṇagāma he built hospitals for the sick and 43 the blind. This prudent man built a large image-house at the Paṭimā Vihāra and a solid stone statue of Buddha, which he 44 called Mahanta, so beautiful that it looked as if it had been made by the power of the gods. He built also the vihāra Sālavāṇa, 45 and called it after his own name, and another vihāra and a house for the monks at Kājaragāma.* This thoughtful man 46 added new buildings also to the Dhammasāla Vihāra, and himself took the oversight of the work of cleansing a closet that was there. And having one day partaken of the remnants of food 47 left by the Order, and being much delighted therewith, he made to them a present of the village Maṇḍagāma. And after he had 48 done these and divers other acts of merit he left this earth for heaven. Whereupon his younger brother Sāmi Dappuḷa, who was there at that time, became the chief of the Rohaṇa, and 49

made himself feared in the province. And he trod his enemies under foot and gave gifts freely unto the people, and freed
 50 Rohaṇa from all danger. And his people were so well pleased with him that they said, "This is our great lord." Thenceforth he was known throughout the land as "The great lord."

51 And king Silā-dāṭha* heard of these things, and being much pleased thereat gave him his daughter in marriage with a large
 52 portion; and considering him well-fitted to fill the throne, he gave him also the office of sub-king. And his sons were Mānavamma and others whose fame was very great.

53 And having learnt the doctrine at the feet of the great elder who dwelt at Pāsāṇadīpa, and being much pleased with him, he
 54 built and dedicated to him a vihára in Rohaṇa in token of his great reverence for him, but the elder left it for the monks in
 55 the four quarters of the earth.† He built the Ambamāla Vihāra and many others also, among them the Khadirāli Vihāra, where
 56 he made offerings to the gods. He also repaired the buildings that were very old of the Anurārāma Vihāra, and ornamented it with festoons of pearls. This great and learned man renewed
 57 the buildings Sirivaḍḍha and Takkambila, wherein he established thirty-two monks, having provided for them all the necessities
 58 of monastic life. He gave to the Nāga Vihāra the village Kevaṭṭa Gambhīra; to the Rāja Vihāra, Gonnagāma; to the
 59 Tissa Vihāra, Kantika-pabbata; and to the Cittala-pabbata Vihāra, the village Gonnaṇṇiṭṭhi. In like manner, this king gave
 60 to the Ariyākari Vihāra the village Mālavatthuka, and built
 61 an exceeding beautiful image-house there. For the statue of Buddha which stood there he made a very costly ornament for the forehead, and a golden band, and celebrated the giving of
 62 the gifts with all festivities that were due. He repaired the Cetiya when it broke down, and plastered it with white cement, and set up another statue of the blessed Buddha, fifteen cubits
 63 high, which he named Metteyya. In this manner did this great ruler not only give great heed himself to the performance of many good deeds, but caused his servants to do the same, and
 64 he was fortunate in that he had a great number of men devoted

* This name does not appear in the list of preceding kings. Could it be a misnomer for Silāmegha, who ascended the throne after slaying Dalla Moggallāna? See chap. XLIV., v. 60, *et seq.*

† Literally, monks belonging to the four quarters of the earth, i.e., the general Order of monks throughout the world.

to good works, by whom were built many viháras with the necessary furnishings thereof.

On one occasion when he was travelling through a forest in which no man dwelt, it happened that he had to pass the night there with all his followers. And when he had washed and anointed himself with oil, and had eaten of a rich meal, he went to lay himself on the soft bed that had been prepared for him in a fine tent. But seeing that sleep came not to him, he examined whether anything had befallen him during the day by reason of which his slumbers could be disturbed. And finding no such cause, he concluded that the reason thereof lay without, and sent men to find it, saying, "Surely certain of my venerable friends are even now being drenched with the rain under the trees; bring them hither to me if ye meet with them." And the king's servants went forth with torches and searched everywhere, and came upon a number of monks who had come from Mahágáma, and who were taking shelter under the trees in the forest (because they had been overtaken by the night). And the king's servants took word of this to the king and he set out quickly, and, being much pleased at seeing them, brought them to his own abode and gave them suits of yellow robes from the number that had been set apart for distribution daily. And their robes that had been wet he caused to be dried, and, having given them water to wash their feet with, and other things that were necessary, he made them all sit down on well-spread couches, and served them himself with the medicinal food that had been brought for them. And in the morning also he gave them their victuals, and, having done other things also that were necessary, he provided them with attendants and sent them away pleased on their journey. In this manner did this prince, who loved good deeds, pass his days.

And while this chief of men was leading a life devoted to good works and setting an example to the whole country and province, his son Máṇa,* who was in the eastern country, raised an army and, with the help of his father's men and his treasure, set out to Tipucullasa to make war. And when Dáṭhopatissa heard thereof, he set out from Tambalaṅga with a great army, and a fierce battle ensued when the armies encountered each other. And the strong men of Dáṭhopatissa killed Máṇa and his followers in this battle. And when Dappuḷa heard of his son's

* Dappuḷa's son. (See v. 16, 21.)

defeat and his death, he was stricken with grief as with an arrow, and died. He reigned seven days at Anurádhapura and
81 three years at Rohaṇa. The story, therefore, of his life is connected with Rohaṇa and this place also.

82 Even so do men kill each other as the opportunity giveth itself, and gain a glory which may disappear at any moment like a flash of lightning. What wise man will place any trust therein?

Thus endeth the forty-fifth chapter, entitled "The Reigns of Four Kings," embodied in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XLVI.

1 **A**ND when Hatthadátha (Daṭṭhopatissa) died, his younger
2 brother, the prince Aggabodhi, ascended the throne with
3 the title of Sirisaṅghabodhi. He was a just king, and
4 as he took a right view of things, he did much good. He took care
5 of the refectories of the three fraternities and added greatly to the
6 resources of the Mahápalī alms-hall, and prohibited the destruc-
7 tion of animal life. And as he was not ambitious of keeping all
8 power in his hands alone, he bestowed offices on men according to
9 their deserts, and conferred honours on them according to their
10 attainments or their rank. This wise and prudent man caused the
religious Paritta* to be rehearsed by priests of learning where-
soever he found them, and them he honoured duly. And he
heard the doctrine of the Supreme Buddha preached unto him by
Dáṭṭhásíva, the elder of the Nágasála monastery, a man of great
wisdom, virtue, and learning. And he was greatly delighted
therewith, and regarded it as the means of gaining every happiness.
And when the king had heard of the many cruel acts which the
Therīya brethren† had suffered in former times from his wicked
and evil-disposed ancestors, he repaired and restored to that
Order all its viháras and pariveṇas that had been brought
to ruin, and endowed all their monasteries with gifts of land
of great value. Verily he made the religious houses, which were
decaying because they had not the wherewithal to support them,

* A collection of Buddhist Sūtras or sermons the recital of which is supposed to have the effect of protecting men from evil.

† The monks belonging to the Mahá Vihāra.

to bloom with new vigour. And to the Order also he appointed servitors in places that needed them.

For this elder Dáthásíva he built a house of devotion* and 11 called it after his own name; and the generous man took the gift, but gave it afterwards to be enjoyed in common by the Order. And for this building he set apart the following villages:— 12 Bharattála, Kihimbila, Kataka, Tuládhára, Andhanáraka, Andhakára, Anturelī, Bálava, Dváránáyaka, Mahá-nikkaddhika, 13 and afterwards Pelahála also. And when he had set apart these lands of great plenty and others also, he appointed his own 14 kinsmen as guardians thereof.

In like manner, he bestowed many lands for the support of the 15 viháras belonging to the two fraternities also, whenever he saw or heard that they were in want thereof. But what advantageth 16 it to speak at length? It is enough to mention that he bestowed on all the three fraternities one thousand villages of great plenty, whereof no man disputed the title.

And as he pondered always on the great merits of the three 17 Sacred Gems, he made the king's string of pearls into a rosary.† So also by all the means that lay in his power he showed him- 18 self to be a devoted servant of the holy law, and his subjects followed his example, and themselves abode by the law.

And one of the king's officers, a Tamil, by name Pottha-kuttha, 19 a man of great wealth, built a wonderful house of devotion, which he called Mátambiya, and gave to it the villages Búka-kalla, Ambavápi, Tantaváyika-Cátika, and Nitthila-vetthi, with 20 the tenants thereof. He himself erected buildings at Kappúra, 21 Pariveṇa, Kurundapillaka, and Mahárāja-ghara, and gave three villages to viháras and other places. 22

A wise commander in the king's army, named Potthasáta, built a pariveṇa at the Jetavana Vihára, and called it by the king's 23 name. Also a Tamil, by name Mahákanda, built a pariveṇa and called it by his own name; and another built the Cullapantha 24 Pariveṇa; and the king's sub-king, Saṅghatissa, built the Sehála Uparája Pariveṇa. And many others followed the king's 25

* The name seems to denote a peculiar structure built in former times for the use of Buddhist ascetics who strove to attain supernatural power or the subjugation of the senses by austerities and other methods prescribed for such proposes. A full description of them will be found in the "Visuddhi. magga," under the heads Kasina and Bhávaná. *Vide infra*, p. 5, note ¶.

† A Buddhist devotee uses a rosary to aid him in repeating certain formulas in which Buddha, the Law, and the Order are praised.

example and built viháras in like manner. Yea, such is the
 26 nature of man that when a leader treads in the path of goodness
 or evil, the common people also follow in the same course. Let
 him that hath understanding keep this in mind.

27 The king's most loving and virtuous spouse, Jetṭhá by name,
 likewise built the convent Jetṭháráma for the use of the sister-
 28 hood, and gave it two villages at Pattapásána and another village
 connected therewith called Bhelagáma, as well as a hundred
 29 servitors. So also the Malaya Rájá, a man of exceeding great
 wealth, built a relic-house at the Cetiya at Maṇḍalagiri Vihára,
 30 and put a new covering on the middle pinnacle of the Lohapásáda.
 Bodhitissa, another man of great renown, built the Bodhitissa
 31 Vihára. Yea, all the chiefs in the island built in divers places,
 according to their wealth, very many viháras and parivenas.

32 And the reign of this king was wholly one of meritorious
 deeds—all which have not been written here through fear of
 33 making the history too long. And, indeed, even the narrative
 that has gone before appears to me somewhat confused,
 inasmuch as it has been mixed up with remarks on the nature
 and condition of things which lead men to good or evil.

34 And the king repaired some time after to the city of Pulatthi
 and took up his abode there, and passed all his time in gaining
 35 merit. And while he dwelt there he was attacked with an
 incurable disease. And as he knew that death was drawing nigh
 36 unto him, he called all the people together and exhorted them
 to live according to the law, and thus departed this life. And
 the people were all stricken with great grief at his death, and
 37 bewailed and lamented themselves accordingly, and failed not
 in one single ceremony at his cremation. Even the ashes of the
 pyre they collected and kept for their use as medicine. And
 38 then they took charge of all the royal treasures and kept them
 with great care, and returned with the whole army into the city.
 39 Thus did the King Aggabodhi leave this life for heaven in the
 sixteenth year of his reign.

And Potthakuṭṭha, the Tamil, thereupon took the government
 40 into his hands, and having taken Dáthásíva, the sub-king, captive,
 he cast him into prison, and took steps to defend the country from
 41 danger. But seeing that a country could not be kept in possession
 without a king, he sent unto Datta, a chief of Dhanapiṭṭhi,
 42 of the royal race, and anointed him, and gave him the title of
 king, but kept the government of the country in his own hands.
 This Datta built a vihára, which he called after his own name,

and gained other merits also ; but he lived only two years and then 43
 died. On his death, Potthakuttha got yet another youth named 44
 Hatthadāṭha, born at Uṇhanāgara, and anointed him king, and
 governed the country as he did before. This Hatthadāṭha, after 45
 he had built the house of devotion, Kāladīghāvika, and gained 46
 other merits, entered the region of death six months after he
 had begun to reign.

Knowing, therefore, how many are the dangers that beset riches, 47
 and lands, and equipage, may wise men abandon their desire
 for the dominion of kingdoms, and fix their affection on heavenly
 goodness.

Thus endeth the forty-sixth chapter, entitled "The Reigns of
 Three Kings," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XLVII.

AND when that king (Hattha-dāṭha II.) was dead, Māṇa- 1
 vamma became king. (Who is this Māṇavamma),
 what family came he from, and whose son was he, and
 how did he take possession of the kingdom ? He was sprung from 2
 the race of Mahāsammata, and inherited the great virtues of that
 line of princes. He was the son of Kassapa, who destroyed the
 Thūpārāma. And his queen was Saṅghā, the daughter of the 3
 Rājā of the Malaya. After he had obtained the hand of this
 princess in marriage, he lived secretly with her in the northern
 country until it came to the ears of Hattha-dāṭha,* whereupon 4
 he went over to India, and having made himself known to king
 Narasiha, he entered his service, and with much labour found 5
 favour in the sight of that king. And when he saw that the king's 6
 friendship was unfeigned, he brought his wife also to India and
 lived there with her, ministering to the king by day and night. 7
 And another king, Kaṇḍuvethi, with whom also he had found
 favour, gave him such great possessions that it seemed as if the
 whole of that king's dominions had been granted to him. And 8
 while he was living in this way, his wife Saṅghā bore him four
 sons and four daughters.

* The man who was invited by the Tamils. He fled to India when
 Kāsyapa defeated and slew in battle his uncle bearing the same name. (See
 chap. XLIV., v. 154, and chap. XLV., v. 12.)

- 9 And it happened one day, as the King Narasiha was out on his elephant on pleasure, attended by Mānavamma, he became thirsty
 10 and drank of the water of a tender cocoanut, sitting on his elephant, and gave the nut (of which he had drunk, with the water that was left therein) to Mānavamma, thinking him to be
 11 some other attendant. And Mānavamma took the nut that was offered to him and communed thus with himself: "This king is a friend to me, and, considered in its true light, what is there mean or degrading in eating of the remnants of that which
 12 another had partaken?" It can in nowise harm me, therefore, to drink this." Then he drank of the nut. Yea, so great are the efforts of exceeding prudent men who are resolved to overcome
 13 difficulties! And the king (happening at that moment to turn round) perceived the error he had made, and fearing (lest what he had done should grieve his friend, and desiring also to repair the wrong he had unwittingly done to him) seized the nut and himself drank of what had been left in it by his friend. In such manner do honourable men always conduct themselves.
- 14 Thenceforth the king Narasiha placed Mānavamma on an equal footing with himself, regarding food, and lodging, and honour, and equipage.
- 15 And while they were living there together, a king, Vallabha, came to make war against Narasiha. And the King Narasiha
 16 reflected within himself in this wise: "This man (Mānavamma) has served me diligently by day and night, that so with my help he might obtain the kingdom which is his birthright.
 17 Wherefore, if he should now follow me to the place of battle and lose his life in the field, his purpose, and my desire also to
 18 help him, would be of no avail." Therefore the king left Mānavamma in the city, and went alone to the place of battle, and began to prepare for war against Vallabha. And (after his
 19 departure) Mānavamma thought to himself: "It would advantage me nowise to survive the king if he should be slain in battle (as I would then be left without a friend and with none to help
 20 me). If such an event should happen, my friendship would have been formed in vain. For what purpose, besides, has the king treated me as an equal (unless he expected that I might be
 21 of service to him in his difficulties)? Wherefore it is meet that I should follow the king to the place of battle, and join him in

* Offering to an equal the remainder of what one had partaken is regarded as an insult, and the partaking thereof as a disgrace.

the field, and share either of defeat or victory, of life or of death, with my friend the king." And for this end he raised a large 22 army, and having equipped it fully, he mounted on a noble elephant and set out for the place of battle, and showed himself before Narasiha. And King Narasiha was greatly delighted at 23 the sight, and exclaimed with great emotion, "Surely, now know I that the trust I had placed on him has been rightly placed."

And afterwards the forces of Māṇa as well as those of the 24 king joined together, and crushed the army of king Vallabha.

And Māṇavamma displayed great valour in the field of battle, 25 beating down the enemy on all sides like unto Nārāyaṇa in the battle of the gods. And Narasiha was greatly pleased with the 26 valour of Māṇavamma, and embraced him fondly, and exclaimed, "Of a truth thou hast been to me the giver of victory!" And he returned thence to his own city and held a feast in honour of his 27 victory, and rewarded the army of Māṇavamma with all the honours that were due. And in course of time the king thought 28 thus within himself: "This my friend has left naught undone to prove his love for me; he is no longer my debtor. My debt to 29 him must I now repay by what it is my duty to do, even though grateful men are hardly found who know the value of services done for them." He then assembled his officers together and 30 spake to them in this wise: "You yourselves are witnesses of the deeds of valour done by my friend here. And now it is my duty 31 to do for him that which will be a benefit unto him, remembering that to give help unto one who had given help in the past, is the duty of the righteous man." And when these words were said, 32 all the ministers replied, "Whatsoever your majesty desireth, even that is our desire also."

And the king then granted unto Māṇavamma an army with 33 all the equipage and *materiel* and all kinds of artificers, and gave him leave to proceed (to his country and gain for himself the sovereignty thereof). And when Māṇavamma was leaving 34 the country together with his army, the king wept sore as if he had been separated from his own son.

Māṇavamma then took ship and crossed over the sea (with his 35 army), and, having made a fast voyage, landed at Laṅkā with 36 his forces, and began to subdue the country (around).

And when Dāthopatisa heard of this invasion, he fled (from the capital); and Māṇavamma entered the city and took it, and 37 tarried not to be crowned, but straightway closely pursued the fugitive king (taking only with him a small force). (But he

38 was soon compelled to give up the pursuit, for) that portion of
 his Tamil army that he had left in the city deserted from him
 when the false tidings were brought that he had been stricken
 39 with a serious illness. And Dāthopatisa also, when he heard of
 this defection, raised a large army and prepared for war against
 40 Mānavamma, who, when he saw that (save a few followers) his
 whole army had deserted from him, and that (if he should carry
 on the war with so small a force) his enemy might get a chance
 41 to triumph over his defeat and his death, resolved to return to
 India and persuade his friend to help him yet another time, by
 42 giving him an army to conquer the kingdom. Accordingly he
 returned to India, and showed himself again to his friend
 43 Narasiha, and entered his service a second time, and, having
 regained his favour, dwelt at his court until four kings had
 reigned in this island.*

44 And Narasiha thus thought within himself: "This my friend,
 who seeketh most resolutely after fame, hath now spent many
 years of his life in my service that so he might get back his
 kingdom. And lo! he will soon have grown old. How then
 can I now reign (in comfort) and see him (thus miserable).
 45 Assuredly I shall this time restore to him his kingdom by
 sending my army thither. Else what advantageth my life to
 46 me?" Thereupon the king gathered his army together, and having
 equipped it well, gave Mānavamma all things that he desired
 47 to have, and himself accompanied the army to the sea-coast
 where a mighty array of ships of burden, gaily ornamented, had
 48 been prepared for them. And when the king reached the
 harbour he gave orders to all his officers that they should em-
 bark and accompany Mānavamma; but they all showed
 unwillingness to do so (without their king).

49 And Narasiha, having pondered well over the matter, resolved
 on this stratagem. Keeping himself so that his army might not
 see him, he gave over to Mānavamma all his retinue and insignia
 50 of royalty together with the ornaments with which he adorned
 his person, and sent him (secretly) on board the ship, bidding
 51 him take the royal drum, the *koṭṭha*, with him, and sound it
 from the deck of the vessel. And Mānavamma did as he was
 directed; and the soldiers thinking that it was the king (who

* They were, 1, Hattha-dātha or Dāthopatisa; 2, Aggabodhi or Siri-saṅghabodhi; 3, Datta, the minion of Pottha-kuṭṭha; 4, Unhanāgara or Hattha-dātha.

was sounding the call), embarked, leaving him alone on land. 52 Then Māṇa began his voyage with the army and all the *materiel* of war, which, with the ships in which they were borne, was 53 like unto a city floating down the sea. And in due time he reached the port and disembarked with the army. And after 54 the men had been made to rest there for a few days, he began to fight, and took the northern country and subdued the inhabitants thereof, and then put himself at the head of his invincible army 55 and marched against the city. And Pottha-kuṭṭha, having heard thereof, went forth with a large army to meet the enemy. And 56 the two armies encountered each other likè unto two seas that had burst their bounds. And Māṇavamma clad himself in his armour, and led his men, mounted on his elephant; and he broke through 57 the forces of Pottha-kuṭṭha and the king (Hattha-dāṭha) and scattered them on all sides. And Hattha-dāṭha, the king, as he was fleeing from the field of battle, was seized by some country people. And they cut off his head and brought it to Māṇavamma. 58

And Pottha-kuṭṭha, who escaped from the field of battle, took refuge in Merukandara. And the lord of that country (from 59 whom he sought protection), when he saw him (under his roof), communed thus within himself, "Yea, now for a long time has this man been my friend: how can I reject him, nor yet, how 60 can I keep clear of offence to my lord the king and to this my friend?" And so (as he could not escape from this position by reason of its hardship, he resolved to kill himself, and) ate of some poisoned cakes, so that he died. And when Pottha-kuṭṭha heard 61 what had befallen his friend, he ate also of one of the cakes and died. Thus did the island fall into the hands of Māṇavamma, freed from dangerous foes that are like unto thorns.

And Māṇavamma then lifted his parasol of sovereignty over 62 the island, as if he thereby sheltered the inhabitants thereof from the afflictions which had rained on them. And the good deeds 63 that he did were many in number and of great value. Who can enumerate them all one by one? And this great and renowned 64 man built these buildings: the terraced house called Kappagāma, Sepaṇṇi, Sirit Padhānarakkha Vihāra, and the beautiful terraced house at Siri Saṅghabodhi Vihāra. He covered also the roof 65 of the Lohapāsāda and the roof of the house at Thūpārāma. And he built a terraced house at the Thūpārāma and gave it to 66 the Papsukūlika monks.* He repaired also the old canopy on

* An order of monks who wore robes made out of cast-off clothes.

the top of the Cetiya and many buildings there that had gone to decay.

[Here there appears to be a gap in the history of Mānavamṇia. The succeeding chapter commences with a portion of the reign of Aggabodhi the Fifth.*]

CHAPTER XLVIII.

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- 1 HE having built a monastery with all the conveniences of a monastic life, gave it to the Dhammaruci fraternity along with
- 2 the village Rājini-dīpaka. He detached, too, a portion of the Mahānettādīpāda monastery, and gave it also to them, as also
- 3 the monastery Devatissaka at Kokavāta. He built the vihára Kādambagona at Mahāthala; the town Giri in the district of
- 4 Devapāli; the vihára Deva at Antara-sobbha and the A'rāma called Rāja-mátika; and all these he bestowed on the Paṇṣukúlika
- 5 monks. He built a house of devotion at the Gokaṇṇaka Vihāra, and repaired the dilapidated house near the Bodhi-tree,
- 6 Vaḍḍhamānaka. This celebrated king made new additions to the Saṅghamitta Vihāra and to many others in different parts
- 7 of the country. He spent six and twenty Suvannaṣṭ in repairing
- 8 the dilapidated structures at the Cetiya-pabbata, and also built the vihára Tāla-vatthu, also named Paṇṇabhadda, and annexed it
- 9 to the vihára called after king Mahāsena. He rebuilt the tank Goṇḍigāma, and restored it to its former condition. To all living things he gave alms of whatsoever was necessary for their support.
- 10 He observed the Uposatha (sabbath) together with all the inhabitants of the island, and preached to them the doctrine in
- 11 order to ensure for them supreme happiness, so that all the people in his kingdom were most diligent in the performance of those acts that lead the way to heaven.

Whatsoever line of conduct is pursued by the ruler of a nation, the same is followed by his subjects; therefore should a wise king always walk in the path of righteousness. Such a king, wheresoever he may dwell, soon acquires great renown. He is surrounded with followers, and at the end attains supreme happiness. Hence

* These remarks are made by the learned editors.

† The beginning of this chapter appears to be missing.

‡ A weight or coin of gold equal to about 175 grains troy, according to Wilson.

also a wise man should look equally after his own welfare and that of others. For, if by the example of one man whose mind is disciplined, a whole nation becomes orderly in conduct, what wise man will condemn that discipline?

Hence the king Aggabodhi, diligent in good works both by day and night, left no act undone that tended to the welfare of beings in this world and in the world to come. Even the fine garments that he wore he gave away to the Papsukúlika monks to be made into robes. The love of impropriety, the injurious exercise of patronage, the enjoyment of unlawfully acquired property; these were not at all of his nature. On the contrary, whatever food animals lived upon, that he gave to them; by whatsoever means living things could be made happy, by these means he secured their happiness. In this manner, this chief of men, who spread peace on earth, after a course of good deeds extending over six years, departed this life to join the king of the gods.

Then the Khattiya Kassapa became king, a man able to bear the weight of the kingdom and to govern it as in days of old. He loved his people with the love of a father, and won their affections by his liberality, his courtesy, and his beneficent rule. He bestowed offices also on those only who deserved them, and freed from all the cares (of state), took his share of the pleasures of life. This noble ruler enforced on laymen and monks and Brahmans the observance of their respective customs, and effectually prohibited the destruction of animal life.

He built two monasteries at Maccha-tittha, also the monastery Heligáma; the A'ráma at Vanijjagáma; also that at Kassapagiri; another which was called Ambavana, and a beautiful house of devotion to which he assigned a village for its support.

[Here there appears to be some verses missing relating to the reign of Kassapa.*]

The prince Mahinda, although the youngest of them, had the kingdom conferred on him. But he wore not the crown although he assumed the kingly office, because, it is said, his old and faithful friend Níla had died but a short time before he came to succeed to the throne. Brooding over this bereavement he had even no wish to accept the crown. Oh, how marvellous! He bestowed not a thought on the pleasures of the kingly office of this island, because his friend was no more. True friends are

* Editors' remark. From the Pújáválí it appears that this Kásyapa reigned seven years.

29 indeed very rarely met with ! For that very reason has the sage
 (Buddha) declared in this wise : " All those truths that relate to
 the natural world, all those truths that relate to the spiritual
 world, all those truths that relate to the progressive course of
 30 Nibbána ;—all these are attained among men by association with
 virtuous friends. Hence loving-kindness should always be shown
 to them."

31 And so he (Mahinda) governed the kingdom under the title of
 A'dipáda (' governor '), as if the object of his life was simply to
 32 protect the people of the island. He raised Aggabodhi, the son
 of his brother Kassapa, to the dignity of sub-king, and having
 33 enriched him with much wealth, gave him the charge of the
 eastern country and sent him to dwell there. But to his son he
 34 gave the southern country (only). He caused ten cartloads of
 food to be given daily in alms at the Mahápáli alms-hall. All
 food that was set before him he partook of in equal shares with
 35 the mendicants. He never ate of anything without setting apart
 a portion thereof for the beggars, and if, through forgetfulness,
 he ever failed to do so, he would give them of what he had fared
 two-fold.

36 For the use of the nuns he built a convent after his own name,
 and assigned to it the two villages Nagaragalla and A'rāma-
 37 mariyádaka. He built the Mahinda-tāṭa A'rāma, and endowed it
 with the means of obtaining the four necessities of monastic
 life. In various other ways too were meritorious acts done
 38 by this lover of virtue. This magnanimous king having thus
 administered the government of the country for three years,
 left this life for the world of the gods, as if in search of his
 departed friend.

39 Prince Aggabodhi (the son of Mahinda), who was living in
 40 the southern country, was in the capital on some business when
 41 the Governor Mahinda died. The reins of government having
 thus fallen into his hands, he undertook the administration of
 the island, but sent to Aggabodhi, the sub-king, the nephew of
 Mahinda, asking him to hasten and take possession of the king-
 42 dom. He accordingly came up and ascended the throne under
 the name of Silāmegha (Aggabodhi VI.). He appointed prince
 Aggabodhi, the son of Mahinda, to the office of sub-king, who
 43 immediately took upon himself the administration of the kingdom,
 addressing the king, his cousin, in this wise : " Banish from
 your mind all thoughts of the cares and anxieties of state and
 enjoy the pleasures of the kingly office (while I look after

the affairs of the kingdom)." This sagacious man showed favour 44
or disfavour to his subjects according to their deserts, and turned
into order all the lawlessness that was rife in the land. So long 45
as the king and sub-king lived on such friendly terms with each
other, evil-doers found no opportunity for their misdeeds, and
soon devised a plan by which to destroy their good understanding.
Having secretly gained admission to the king's presence, they 46
spoke all manner of evil things against the sub-king, saying,
"Your majesty is only king in name, but another is king in
reality, and doubtless this sub-king, after he has gained favour 47
in the eyes of the people, will soon take possession of the
kingdom."

The king gave ear to this calumny and lost all the trust he 48
had in the prince, who, when he became aware of it, proved
traitor to the king and fled to his own country, where he gained 49
over the people around him, and with a large army began a war.
A great battle was fought at Kadalíniváta, when the prince was 50
defeated and fled to the Malaya.

Soon afterwards the king, who was by nature a grateful man, 51
remembering him of the service that his cousin had rendered, in
that he made over to him the kingdom (which he might easily
have taken unto himself), was so moved thereby that he bewailed
himself sorely in the face of all the people. The prince also, 52
when he heard of this, was greatly overcome in spirit, so that
they two came to look with more affection on each other. Here- 53
upon the king went unattended to the Malaya district, and (after
they had been reconciled with each other) he brought the prince
back to his own city. He then gave him his daughter Sañghá 54
to wife, thinking thereby both to give pleasure to the prince
and to establish him in his loyalty.

Having now been restored to perfect friendship with the king, 55
the prince was living happily with his (the king's) daughter
(Sañghá) when, enraged with her at some fault, he gave her a
blow one day, on which she went up to her father in tears and 56
made bitter complaint to him, saying, "The husband of your
choice is killing me without a cause." The king, when he heard 57
this complaint, exclaimed, "Surely, I have done a foolish thing,"
and took her straightway to the house of the nuns and made
her take the robes.

Now, one Aggabodhi, a son of her uncle, had set his heart on 58
her now for a long while, and thought that the time had come 59
when he might carry her away with him. So he secretly took

60 her away to the Rohaṇa country by himself. Thereupon the
king Aggabodhi took his cousin and proceeded with him to the
Rohaṇa country to punish his nephew Aggabodhi (that had
61 done this evil thing). But Aggabodhi (the sub-king) prevailed
upon his cousin, King Aggabodhi, to stay behind, and proceeded
himself to the western hills to punish the offender against his
62 wife, if haply he might find him. With the large army that
he had in his hand he subjected the whole of the Rohaṇa
country, defeated the evil-doer in battle, and recovered and
63 brought his wife Saṅghá. From that time forth these three
(the king, the sub-king, and his wife) lived together in great
peace and happiness with much loving confidence in one another,
enjoying themselves as it pleased them most.

64 The king caused repairs to be made in the A'rāmas Vápára-
nimaka, Mānaggabodhi, and Sabhattuddesa-bhoga at the
Abhayagiri Vihára, as also in the terraced houses of Hatthi-
65 kucchi Vihára, Puna-piṭṭhi Vihára, Mahá Pariveṇa, and
66 Vāhadípaka. He also restored the old doors of the Thúpárama
67 buildings and set up the pillars in a different order. In this
manner, having performed many other acts of merit according
as he was able, this king (Aggabodhi VI., or Silámegha) passed
away according to his deeds in the fortieth year of his reign.

68 Thereupon the fortunate Aggabodhi, who was sub-king, the
69 son of the wise Governor Mahinda, ascended the throne. He
took under his protection the religion of the country, and showed
such favour to his subjects as he thought was fit for them, and
70 appointed his son Mahinda as sub-king. He repaired and
strengthened all that had decayed of the old house of the Bodhi-
tree, and restored it. He also built the two A'rāmas, Kaṇḍa
71 and Malla-vátaka. By means of decrees issued to enforce
discipline among the priesthood,* he thoroughly purged the
religion of the Conqueror, and stopped the way of those who set
72 up false cases by deciding them according to the law. He took
unto himself the oversight also of everything that was done in
the island, even unto the distribution of food and medicines for
the sick, and ordained the form and manner of holding festivities
73 and funerals. He caused ticket-rice to be issued to the dwellers
within all the three fraternities, and richer victuals, such as were
74 fit for the king's table, to the Papsukúlika monks. This man,
so full of self-control, having done deeds of such merit, died in

* *Dhamma kammehi*. See note in chap. XLIV., v. 46.

the sixth year of his reign during his stay at the city of Pulatthi. His son, who was sub-king, is said to have died before him, and 75 so the kingdom was left without an heir.

Now, king Silámegha had a son named Mahinda. He was a 76 man well favoured by fortune, able to uphold a people and govern a kingdom. On the day he was born, the king, his 77 father, sent and inquired of the astrologers as to the future of his son, and they told him that the child was fitted to govern a kingdom; and he gave them many presents, and kept the matter 78 secret. In process of time, when the child came of age, the king made him his own general, and having entrusted the 79 affairs of the whole kingdom into his hands he lived (without care or anxiety.) His son thereupon performed the duties of the kingly office with great justice. But when his father Silá- 80 megha was dead, Mahinda, who was skilled in all statecraft, was not willing to take the office of general from Aggabodhi.* At 81 that time, however, he had gone on some of the king's business to the sea-board and was living at the port of Mahátittha. There 82 he received news of the king's death, and fearing that traitors might take possession of the kingdom and spoil the capital, he made haste thither. Meanwhile, the chieftains and landlords of 83 the northern districts took possession of the country by force, and withheld its revenues. And when he came to hear of this, 84 he proceeded to the northern country with a large army, and subdued all the chieftains together with their servants. He next 85 visited the place where the king (his uncle) had died, and had a meeting with the queen, when he wept with her and consoled her. And when he saw that the time had come he addressed her in these words, "Noble queen, be not sorrowful at the 86 death of your husband. I will take upon myself the safety of the island, while you shall govern the kingdom." The queen, though 87 she kept silence, was yet full of evil thoughts, and afterwards secretly conspired to kill him, that she might live in whatever manner it pleased her. And when the news of this conspiracy 88 came to the ears of the general, he straightway set a watch over her and fought with and drove off the people who were of the queen's party. He afterwards had the queen bound, and laid her 89 on a bed and brought her to the city, and seized the kingdom with its treasures.

Now, there was a governor named Dappula, a nephew of 90

Silámegha, who was possessed of great wealth and had the
 91 command of a large army. He gathered his forces together,
 and having taken Kálavápi, advanced to Saṅghagáma to make
 92 war. The general being informed thereof, set out at once to
 meet the enemy with an army well-furnished, and taking with
 93 him the queen. A fearful battle ensued, and the governor
 94 perceiving that his army was giving way, retreated with his
 forces and ascended the hill Accha-sela. Having driven him,
 the general returned (victorious) and lived at ease.

95 (While the general was absent,) the chieftains of the northern
 country having heard that the city was unprotected, came together
 96 with the people of that part and took it. This brave and success-
 ful general, unwearied in his efforts, drove them at last away, and
 returned to the city, and ruled the kingdom according to the rules
 of justice.

97 He did all that was meet to be done for the order of monks,
 his subjects, the lower animals—birds, beasts, and fishes—and
 his kinsfolk and the army.

98 Afterwards Dappuḷa having added to his army, went against
 the Malaya country with his two nephews, whom he had brought
 99 with him from Rohaṇa ; and having subdued all the country and
 provinces, reached the city at night with a great host, and sur-
 100 rounded it like a sea. His men encompassed the city all around,
 shouting on all sides, so that with the neighing of the horses,
 101 the trumpeting of the elephants, the sound of the gongs and
 cymbals, the blast of the trumpet, and the tumult of the soldiers,
 102 the heavens were like to rend asunder on that day. Whereupon the
 general, seeing this great army, spake cheerfully unto his own men,
 103 saying, "These three princes with a great host have come and
 laid siege to our city. Now, therefore, I pray you tell me what
 104 is meet to be done?" And his men of valour, thirsting for the
 battle, answered him, saying, "From the day that your servants
 105 entered your service, their lives have they given unto you. If
 therefore they should, in this hour of their danger, draw back,
 regardless of their lives, what advantage is it to their lord that
 106 he should have maintained them so long a time in comfort?" On
 hearing them, the king was greatly comforted, and set his army
 in battle array at night. And in the morning, when the sun
 had risen, he mounted his elephant that had been saddled for him,
 107 and went forth from one of the gates, and fell upon the enemy
 suddenly like a thunderbolt, with his thousands of mighty men,
 108 and made a terrible slaughter among them. He broke altogether,

and scattered on all sides, the hosts of the governor that had laid seige against them ; and having stopped his men from pursuing the enemy, he arrayed his army in order, and shared with them the joy of victory. Dappuḷa, the governor, who had been utterly routed on the morning of that day, fled with the remnant that had not been slain in the field of battle to the Rohaṇa country. But the two princes who had accompanied him from thence, the general took alive, and carried them to the city, as captives. As soon as peace was thus restored to the island, this victorious and valiant general sent his forces against the eastern country to reduce it to subjection. They proceeded thither, and also against the northern country, both which they soon brought under his yoke, and compelled a great number of fighting men to join them.

The general, who now became king, thinking that he could not with safety cast off the queen, or put her to death, took her unto him to wife. And the king lived with her, and she conceived and bore him a son endued with all the marks of future prosperity and greatness. From that time forth she became greatly attached to the king ; and when the prince arrived at man's estate, the king appointed him to the office of sub-king, and gave him therewith a great portion of his wealth.

The (two) governors of the eastern country having heard of these things, and thinking that there was danger in them to their cause, joined themselves together, and raising a large army from both their divisions, and a great sum of money, sent unto their brother Dappuḷa from the Rohaṇa country, and made a treaty with him, and encamped with their great hosts on the border of the river (Mahaveḷi). The king, when he heard of these things, spake unto the chiefs of the people, and brought them to his side, and having caused the evil-minded persons to be put to death, set a garrison in the city, and after he had done everything that was needful he proceeded with his queen and a mighty army ready for battle unto the village of Mahummāra, which he strongly fortified. And when it came to the ears of the three governors what the king had done, they encamped themselves before Koviḷāra, and made themselves ready for a great battle. And the king went up against them with his mighty army and entirely defeated the hosts of the three governors, two of whom fell in the battle, Dappuḷa only having escaped. Thus in this struggle also was the protector of the land victorious. And he returned to his capital and occupied himself with the government of the kingdom. He performed many acts of great merit, and celebrated

great feasts in connection with the great Bodhi-tree, the three great Cetiyas, and the Tooth-relic.

- 125 But Dappuḷa, after he had fled to the Rohaṇa, levied yet another
 126 army to do battle with the king, if so be that he followed him
 127 thither. And the king, in order to secure unto his children and
 128 grandchildren that they should occupy the land in peace, gathered
 129 together at the Thúpárama all the monks and all the wise men,
 130 such as were able to discern between what was just and unjust.
 131 And being himself well versed in all the duties of kings and the
 132 rules of government, he told them how he was minded to reduce
 133 the whole Rohaṇa country to subjection. And when this had
 134 approved itself unto them, he gathered his army of four hosts
 135 with all the materiel of war ; and after he had seen to it that the
 136 capital and every place of importance in the island was well
 137 protected, he departed from the city and went without any delay
 138 to the hill of Márapabbata (in Rohaṇa) ; and after he had sub-
 139 dued all the country round it, he quickly ascended to the top of
 140 the hill (and occupied it). And when the inhabitants of Rohaṇa
 141 saw (how strong was the position held by the king), they were
 142 affrighted, and submitted unto him. Afterwards the king made
 143 a treaty with Dappuḷa, and being puffed up with his success,
 144 forced from him a tribute of horses and elephants and gems.
 145 He also made the Black River* a fixed boundary for the future
 146 governors of that province, and decided all the country on this
 147 side thereof as the king's possessions.
 148 Thus did this great and glorious person deliver the island from
 149 the thorns of danger, and return to the city and live there in
 150 peace, after he had brought the government of the island under
 151 the canopy of one sovereign.
 152 This king made the Dána Vihára and another called Sanníra-
 153 tittha at the city of Pulatthi.
 154 He built the monastery called Mahálekha at the Abhayagiri,
 155 and, at the cost of three hundred thousand pieces of gold, the
 156 Ratanapásáda, an exceedingly beautiful terraced palace with
 157 several floors, like unto another Vejayanta mansion.† Out of
 158 his great wealth he made also, at the price of sixty thousand
 159 pieces of pure gold, an image of the Teacher, and adorned the head
 160 thereof with a gem of very great value, and held a feast with
 161 much splendour at the inauguration thereof. On the day of the

* The text reads *Gálha-bhogar*, which makes no sense here. I think it is a mistake for *Kálagagan*, the Black River (*Kalu-gaúga*).

† *Sakrá's* palace.

dedication of the palace he relinquished (his right to) the whole kingdom (for the sake of the religion of the land). He also made 139
an exceeding beautiful silver image of the Bodhisatta, and placed it at the Silámegha, one of the convents of the nuns.

At the Thúpáráma he made for the Thúpa a cover of gold, and 140
ornamented it with bands of silver at distances from each other. He repaired also the dilapidated palace that stood there. Then 141
he caused a great festival to be held there, and made the great 142
elder of the Hemasáli Vihára, for whose use he had built a bath there, to expound the doctrines of the Abhidhamma. He repaired many old Déválayas, and caused very valuable 143
images of the gods to be made for them. He gave to the Brah- 144
mans the best of such food as was meet for kings, and their milk and sugar he made them drink out of vessels of gold. To the 145
halt and the lame he gave oxen and the wherewithal for their subsistence, and to the Tamils, who would not accept of oxen, he gave horses. To the poor who were ashamed to ask alms publicly, 146
he gave in charity in secret. Yea, there was not one single person left in the island unto whom he had not shown such favour as was most fitting for him. Thus, having considered the 147
manner in which it was most fit that food should be given to cattle (in charity), he set apart for their use one hundred rice fields of standing corn, with the ears thereof full of milky juice, whereon they might graze. He also strengthened the flood-gate 148
of the Kálavápi tank. It is said that the good deeds done by him in this manner were numberless—they were so many.


His son, whom he had made sub-king, was now dead, but there 149
was another born to him when he held the office of general, whom he thought worthy of filling the throne. But fearing 150
that the other royal princes should take away his life, he had him so brought up that they got not the opportunity for killing him. Now, it is said that one day, when the enemy had laid siege 151
to the city, he went up to his father and begged him for the war-elephant. And the king gave him the big elephant—a fearful 152
monster like unto the elephant of Mára. He gave him also a band of practised warriors skilled in the use of all the weapons of war. And when he thought the time had come, he put on his 153
sword and mounted the noble elephant, and went forth from the city, and routed all the besiegers and gained a great victory. 154
And the king was so pleased with his son's valour that he made him his general. Moreover, it is said that it was even he who 155
had marched with an army to the northern country and drove

away from thence the rebellious Governor Dappuḷa and his
 156 armed host. Wherefore Dappuḷa hated him exceedingly, and
 at the battle that was fought at Mahummára, perceiving the
 general in the midst of the strife, he was so enraged that he
 157 straightway urged the elephant on which he was mounted straight
 against him, intending thereby to kill him. But the general
 (seeing this) caused his own tusker to pierce the beast (to the
 158 breast) and drove him back. The king was so pleased with this
 deed of valour that he saw, that he thereupon conferred on him
 the office of sub-king, which he had himself held, because that
 159 there was none else fit in the kingdom. Having thus enjoyed
 in plenty the dominion of the island for twenty years, this king
 died, and went up to heaven as if to receive there the reward of
 his good deeds.

160 Even so all the riches that men lay up for themselves by
 much suffering are lost in a moment; yet, alas! foolish men set
 their heart on them alone.

Thus endeth the forty-eighth chapter, entitled "The Reigns
 of Six Kings," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XLIX.

1  N the death of his father, the sub-king (Dappuḷa III.) came
 to the throne. He was able both to keep down his enemies
 and to gain over his friends. And he had a queen named
 2 Sená, whom he loved very dearly. She was fair to look upon, and
 was endued with wisdom, and had a little son whom she bore to
 3 him. He bestowed the office of sub-king on his eldest son, and
 gave his daughters away to the other governor of the Rohaṇa to
 4 be his queens. This king bestowed also offices on various persons,
 to every man according to his deserts, and gained the love of
 the people by the exercise of the four kingly virtues. And it
 5 happened to him that he had on one occasion to go to Maṇihíra.*
 And while he tarried there he heard that the provinces on the
 6 border were stirred up (with revolt). Whereupon he straight-
 way sent his eldest son and the chief of his army thither, saying
 7 unto them, "Go and pacify the country." And after they had
 set out thither, certain evil-minded men, whose hearts were set on
 stirring up strife, spoke falsely to them, and caused them to

* Minneriya.

break faith with their master. Thus they twain became traitors, 8
and sought to take possession of the country. But when the
king heard thereof, he proceeded forthwith to Dúratissa, and put 9
both of them to death, and seized all their treasures, and having
destroyed all that were confederate with them, returned again to
the city of Pulatthi.

At that time there was a prince, Mahinda by name, the son of 10
Dáthásíva, a governor, who was also lord of the Rohaṇa
country. And this prince, having offended his father, sought 11
the king. And he was much pleased to see him, and showed
him all the favour that he deserved; and that he might 12
strengthen the bonds of friendship (between them) he gave the
prince his daughter Devá to wife, and sent him to Rohaṇa with
an army. And the prince, having subdued the Rohaṇa with the 13
aid of the king's army, drove his father to India and took
possession of the country.

And the king built a goodly ticket-hall at the Mahá Vihára, 14
of great strength, and gave the village of Mahánáma for the 15
support of the Kholakkhiya statue of the great Sage. He gave
suitable gifts also to the Vaḍḍhamána Bodhi-tree, and repaired
the ruined house that stood there; and in order to preserve it 16
he gave the fruitful village Koṭṭhagúma. To the Nilárúma
Vihára he gave the village Kálussa, and to the Loha statue the 17
village A'rámassa. He restored many ancient buildings also,
and caused many images to be made for them, and built a great 18
many houses, Cetiya's, and viháras. And being a man of great
compassion, he built a hospital for the city of Pulatthi, and
another at Paṇḍáviya with a fruitful village attached thereto. 19
He built hospitals for the halt and the blind in divers places.

And the judgments which had been righteously pronounced in 20
cases he caused to be recorded in books, and ordered that they
should be kept in the king's house, for fear that they may be
perverted by corrupt means.

And to the Nága-vaḍḍhana Vihára he gave many villages 21
for its support, and intermeddled not with the grants of former
times, but gave effect to all previous statutes. Yea, even all the 22
great charities which his father had established, as also every
other good act of his, he preserved with the love of a son:

And the queen also of this great king did many good deeds. 23
She built the Kaṇṭaka Cetiya at the Cetiya-pabbata, as also the
rock temple Jayasena, which she gave to the country-priests 24
together with the village Mahummára. She built also a

25 second convent, called Silāmegha, for the use of the sisterhood,
 and provided the sisters of the (old) Silāmegha with all the
 26 necessities of conventual life. Those villages also which had
 passed to aliens in former times she redeemed by payment in
 27 money, and restored them to the selfsame vihára. She caused
 the branches of all great trees at the Cetiya-pabbata to be cut
 down, and made offerings of flags and banners of divers colours
 28 to be hung thereon. She repaired the terraced house on the
 eastern vihára, and brought back to fruitfulness the unfruitful
 29 village Ussána-vitthi that belonged to it. She also restored
 the Giri-bhaṇḍa Vihára that had gone to decay, and set apart
 villages for the support of the priests who dwelt therein.
 30 And she built also the house called Dappula-pabbata, that
 stands on the mango grove, and, having provided it with the
 four necessities of monastic life, she dedicated it to three hundred
 31 priests. The king also built the Nīlagalla A'rāma, a vihára of
 great beauty, and constructed a very profitable water-course,
 32 and gave it for the use of that vihára. And he repaired the
 breaches in the Arikári Vihára also, and built anew a ticket-hall
 33 with a terraced house, and erected the Cetiya called Senaggabo-
 dhi-pabbata at Vāhadīpa.

And as he was a man of great learning, he caused the doctrines
 34 to be preached at the three houses of the priesthood, and compelled
 the priests to accept his offering of alms-bowls, well-strung and
 wrought in iron. Yea, he left nought undone that pertained
 35 unto charity. To such poor women as were of good repute he
 gave jewels, and to them that were in need of food he sent it
 36 unto them, and generally at night. He set apart fields of grain
 that cattle might graze thereon, and gave food that had been
 cooked to crows and other birds, and fried rice mixed with sugar
 37 and honey to children. In this wise did this chief of men, unto
 whom there was a large following, perform many acts of great
 merit and enjoy the good things of the earth, and leave it at the
 end of five years.

38 And on his death his son Mahinda,* a prince endued with
 every beauty and virtue, became the king of the Siṅhalese. The
 39 law was as a banner and a light unto him, and he devoted himself
 wholly to the pure doctrines of religion, so that he was known
 40 throughout the land as Dhammika Silāmegha. And he neglected
 not to perform all those things that were in keeping with the

commandments of religion, as they had been done by former kings. But evil he abhorred utterly.

And so that he might carry out new works at the Ratana- 41 pásásda, the king gave thereto the water-course called Getthumba, to be held for ever. And having repaired many old places of 42 worship that were in ruins, and having performed many other good works, he passed away after he had reigned four years.

Aggabodhi* then raised the canopy of dominion in the city, 43 and with his reign he bestowed on all living beings the blessings of health and happiness. And to do honour to the Tooth-relic, 44 he held a great feast that was worthy of all the virtues which adorned the Teacher, and another great feast also in honour of the (golden statue of the) supreme Buddha, which his grandfather had made.† This ruler of men built a parivena and called 45 it Udayaggabodhi, that so his name and that of his father might be had in remembrance; and he built another, which he called 46 Bhúta, and dedicated it to his teacher and three hundred other priests, with lands attached thereto. He gave the village Cúlavápiya and the two villages Kálúla, and Mallavátaka to the 47 preaching-hall. He forbade also the bringing in into the inner 48 city of flesh, fish, and strong drinks on the Upósatha days. And 49 it was customary with him, after he had made obeisance at a shrine or to the priesthood, carefully to wash his feet when he departed from the temple, saying, "Let no sand even be lost by cleaving to the soles of my feet." Whatsoever act tended to 50 heaven, or whatsoever act tended to Nibbána, this (man) who took delight in the three sacred objects performed them all.

He was constant in his attendance on his mother, both by day 51 and night; and he was wont daily to wait on her betimes and anoint her head with oil, and cleanse her body, and purge the 52 nails of her fingers, and wash her tenderly, and dress her in clean and soft clothing. The garments also that she had cast off he 53 washed with his own hands, and sprinkled on his crowned head the water in which they were dipped. He made offerings of 54 flowers and perfumes to her as at a shrine, and then bowed himself before her three times, and walked round her with great 55 reverence, and commanded that her servants should be provided with meat and raiment, according to their desire. And afterwards 56 he fed her from his own hands with dainty food, and himself ate of the remnants, whereof he scattered a portion on his own head.

* The Eighth. † Mahinda II.

57 And after he had seen that her servants were fed with the best of
the king's table, he perfumed and set in order her bed-chamber, in
58 which he had himself laid out her bed carefully with his own
hands. And then he washed her feet and anointed them with
59 soft and sweet-smelling oil, and, setting himself down by her
side, he rubbed and pressed her legs until sleep came over her.
Then three times walked he round her bed with great reverence,
60 and having made proper obeisance to her, he commanded her
servants and slaves to keep watch over her. And when he
departed from the bed-chamber he turned not his back upon her,
61 but stepped backwards noiselessly till he could not be seen, and
bowed again three times towards where she lay; and bringing
to mind oftentimes the service he had done unto his mother, he
62 returned to his palace in great joy. In this selfsame manner did
he serve his mother all the days of his life.

On one occasion, when he spake disdainfully to his servant, and
63 called him a slave, it grieved him so that he himself sought to
obtain his servant's forgiveness. Being endued with wisdom
(and piety) he persuaded his mother to offer him up as a slave
64 to the Order, and got back his liberty by the payment of a sum
of money that was equal to his value.

And thus, having devoted himself to acts of piety, and having
65 conferred benefits on the (whole) island, he departed for the
world of the gods in the eleventh year of his reign.

His younger brother Dappula* then became king, and he
66 maintained all the customs which had been enforced by former
kings.

At this time the sons of Mahinda, the lord of Rohana, were
67 driven out of the country by their father; and they sought their
mother's brother the king, and when he had inquired of them
touching the matter, and being desirous of the welfare of his
68 kinsfolk, he gave them a large army and sent them to make war
against their father. But Mahinda, the ruler of the Rohana,
69 having heard these things beforehand, began the war himself
with the great army that he had; and the two rebellious sons
gave their army in command to a captain and fled from the field
70 of battle; but they came back and dwelt in the service of the
king, and the event pleased the father of the princes greatly,
71 but he perished in making war with another of his kinsfolk, who
72 also fell in the battle. The king then gave his daughter Deva,

who was a princess endued with all graces and virtues, to his sister's son Kittaggabodhi to wife ; but this prince left his brother Dappula to minister unto the king, and set out with a great army fully equipped to the Rohana, and became the chief of that province, and lived there in the enjoyment of every prosperity with his sons and daughters.

The king rebuilt the old house of the Bodhi-tree, so that it may last, and ornamented it with works inlaid with gold, and after he had fitted it up in a manner so that it was worthy of his own kingliness and the perfections of the Teacher, he held a great feast in connection therewith. He repaired the old house at the Hatthi-kucchi Vihāra and converted the rock at Vāhadīpa into a vihāra, which he called Lāvārama. At the Jetavana Vihāra he made a golden image of the great Sage, which he conveyed to the Bodhi-house, and held a festival of so great splendour that the mind of man could not imagine it. He made gifts of clothes every year throughout the island, and caused the Mahāpāli alms-hall to flourish. Of the refectories also he took great care. He commanded that gifts equal to his weight of precious things in the balance should be given to the poor, and repaired the old buildings and maintained the faultless customs of ancient kings.

And this king had a general named Vajira, who was a man large in heart; and he built the Kaccavāla Arāma for the Paṇṣukūlika priests, and covered the Thūpa house at the Thūpārāma with tiles of gold as became it, and fixed doors also of gold to the house. Thus did this chief of men reign for sixteen years, and proceed at last to that country where all living things must go.*

After this king had passed away to the world of the gods, Aggabodhi† caused himself to be proclaimed king. But his father, before him, had not made Mahinda, his brother's son, a governor, that so he might ensure the kingdom to his own sons. Whereupon Mahinda, seeing that he could give no assistance to his kinsfolk and his younger brethren, and being much troubled in mind how he should entreat them kindly, he departed to the opposite coast (with all his brethren). But (when Dappula was dead) they returned again to the island. And when Aggabodhi heard thereof, he sent a large force against them, and routed them, and cut off their heads.

And he caused inquiry to be made to the wants of the three

* Cf. "To that bourne from which no traveller returns." † The Ninth.

88 brotherhoods, and took steps whereby to put an end to crimes
 89 throughout the island. And when it was told him that the
 priests of the smaller vihāras were wont to take their morning
 gruel at the Mahā Vihāra, he was greatly dissatisfied therewith,
 and gave unto these vihāras the large village of Kaṇṭha-piṭṭhi,
 90 and the village Yabāla, and the fruitful village Telagāma, and a
 water-course, and ordained that those priests should henceforth
 91 take their gruel each one at his vihāra; and the priests of those
 vihāras gratefully accepted the gruel that he had thus provided
 for them. And he caused drums to be beaten throughout the
 92 island for the gathering together of beggars, to whom he gave
 presents of gold for three days, to each man according to his
 need. And when he had done many other good deeds like unto
 93 them during three years, he departed this life to behold, if per-
 adventure he might, the fruits of his cheerful faith in the three
 sacred objects, with the eyes of heavenly wisdom.

94 Of a surety, therefore, every bodily thing endureth not, inas-
 much as even the all-knowing Buddhas have yielded unto death.
 Let the thoughtful man, therefore, renounce the love of life and
 become a man of true wisdom by attaining unto Nibbāna.

Thus endeth the forty-ninth chapter, entitled "The Reigns of
 Five Kings," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight
 and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER L.



HEN Aggabodhi's younger brother Sena raised the canopy
 of dominion in the city. And as he had great riches, he
 added to the welfare of all men, whom he considered as his
 2 beloved children. He followed not only the customs of former kings,
 3 but introduced other good customs which had not been before. To
 the monks, and to the nuns, and to his kinsfolk, and to all the
 dwellers of the kingdom—yea, even to birds and beasts and fishes—
 4 he did what was rightful to be done. But he caused Mahinda*
 (the prince), who had gone to the opposite coast, to be killed, and
 5 thus freed himself of all rivals to the throne. He made exceed-
 ing great presents to the poor and needy, and to priests and
 Brahmins he gave the best of the king's table.
 6 And he had three brethren younger than himself, to wit,

* This Mahinda was the king's cousin. See *infra* chap. XLIX., v. 84
et seq.

Mahinda, Kassapa, and Udaya. Of these, Mahinda became sub-king, and governed his conduct according to the king's wishes and served him well and faithfully. 7

And the king had a queen-consort, whose name was Sañghá. And it was so, that on one occasion when the king had gone to a seaport to take his pastime in the sea, Udaya, the governor, tarried behind in the city and carried off Nálá, his aunt's daughter, who lived under the king's care, and took her to the city of Pulatthi.* And (when the king returned from the seaboard, and it was told him what had been done) his anger was not kindled against his brother. But he entered into an inviolable covenant with him, and bade him be of good comfort, and sent his chief governor, and brought him back hither.† And the two princes henceforth lived in peace with each other, and gave their protection to the religion and the inhabitants of the land. 8 9 10 11

And in process of time the king of Paṇḍu, who had a great army, came hither from India, and began to subdue the country. And when the king heard thereof, he sent a great host to oppose him. But the king of Paṇḍu, seeing that there was strife amongst the king's ministers, took advantage, and laid waste the whole of the northern country, and built up fortifications in the village Mahátalita. Thereupon a great number of the Tamils, who were scattered about the country, joined themselves to him, whereby his power was greatly increased. And the king's host went thither and gave him battle. And the king of Paṇḍu went out into the field mounted on an elephant. And the host of Tamils beholding their lord the king's face were filled with strength and courage, and were ready (each man) to give his life for the king. But the hosts of the island were greatly discouraged by the king's absence, and broke and fled on every side. Whereupon the army of the king of Paṇḍu straightway hotly pursued the fugitives, and, like unto the hosts of Múra, spread destruction all over the land. And when the king had heard that the army was defeated, he collected all the treasure that he could lay hands on, and fled from the city towards the Malaya country. And when Mahinda, the sub-king,‡ who fought riding on his elephant, saw that his army had fled, he thought thus within himself: "Of a surety it is not in my power to withstand this great host alone, and it pleaseth me not to suffer death at the hands of this vile horde. Better is it, therefore, that I should die by my own hand." So saying he cut off 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

* Polonnaruwa.

† Anurádhapura.

‡ This prince was evidently bringing up the rear of the army. Cf. v. 18.

24 his head even as he sat on his elephant, and many of his faithful
 followers, seeing this, cut off their heads also ; and the Tamil
 25 hosts rejoiced and were exceeding glad thereat. But Kassapa,
 the governor,* having heard of these things (resolved to blot out
 the disgrace that had befallen them), and having provided him-
 self with weapons, and clothed himself in armour, mounted his
 26 noble horse and proceeded to Abhaya Vihāra. Alone, and with
 none to help him, he fell upon the enemy and broke their ranks,
 27 like unto a Supanna† drawing out serpents from the ocean ; and
 he stopped them from advancing any further, and himself escaped
 28 unhurt. And that solitary horse (moved so quickly that he) was
 like unto a line of horsemen. But Kassapa, seeing that his men
 29 followed not to help him, thought to himself, “ Wherefore should
 I, but one man, kill myself and thus fulfil the heart’s desire of
 my enemy? Whereas, if I live, peradventure I might avenge
 30 myself on them some day, and fulfil my own heart’s desire. It
 seemeth meet to me, therefore, that I should flee from the field of
 battle.” Accordingly this mighty and fearless man of valour
 broke through the host of the enemy and reached Koṇḍivāta in
 31 safety. Whereupon the forces of the king of Paṇḍu took
 possession of the city ; and they brought the head of Mahinda,
 32 the sub-king, and showed it unto him ; and when he saw it
 he ordered that the dead body of the prince should be burnt,
 and that all the funeral rites of the Paṇḍian country be given to
 33 it also. And they took all the precious things that were in the
 king’s treasury as they had been commanded, and likewise also
 34 of the things in the city and in the vihāras. All the jewels that
 was in the king’s palace, the golden image of the Teacher, and
 the two eyes of precious stones of the stone statue of the Sage,
 35 the golden covering of the Thūpārāma Cetiya, and the golden
 images that were enshrined in the different vihāras ;— all these
 36 he took away and made Laṅkā of none value whatsoever ; and the
 beautiful city he left desolate, even as if it had been laid waste by
 37 evil spirits. And the (fugitive) king placed watches along the
 highway in divers places, and lived in great anxiety at the meeting
 38 of the two rivers. And the king of Paṇḍu (after he had laid
 waste the country) sent messengers to the lord of Sīhala, that he
 39 might make a covenant of peace with him. And when he (the
 40 lord of the Sīhalas) had seen the messengers, and heard the

* Another brother of the king.

† A mythological bird, represented as half man and half bird—the vehicle of Vishnu.

message from them, he hearkened unto all that they had said. And so that he might secure his own safety, he entertained the messengers well, even according to their own desire, and sent his own messengers unto the king with presents of two elephants and all the jewels that he had. And when the king of Pandu 41 heard of these things, he was well pleased, and giving the great city on that selfsame day in charge unto the king's messengers, he left it, and, reaching a port, immediately departed in a ship and 42 went to his own country in safety.

And the king Silāmegha* returned afterwards to the city, and, 43 having restored the country to its former condition, he reigned in peace. And he made Udaya, his second brother, the chief 44 governor, and gave him the southern country for his support. But soon afterwards he was afflicted with a sore disease, and 45 entered the gate of death, having done many deeds of merit. And they say that the Governor Kassapa (the king's third 46 brother) had fallen in a battle with (the forces of) the king of Pandu, while he dwelt at Pulatthi. Now, this Kassapa had four 47 noble sons, who were all gifted with marks of future greatness; and the eldest of them was Sena, a strong and valiant prince, 48 full of energy, and well fitted to govern a kingdom. And there was none like unto him in any respect. Therefore the king 49 bestowed on him, in due form, the chief governorship (that Udaya had held), and gave the southern country with the *materiel* of war thereof.

And Kittaggabodhi, the chief of the Rohana, had four sons 50 and three fair and lovely daughters. And his sister caused the 51 eldest son, the prince Mahinda, to be put to death, and took possession of the country and its treasure. Whereupon the three 52 princes, being provoked to anger at the murder of their brother, fled to the king's court, taking their three sisters with them. And the king, being a man of great lovingkindness, was filled 53 with compassion on seeing their forlorn condition, and pitied them like his own children, and brought them up lovingly in all comfort as if they were the offspring of the gods. In process of 54 time the king provided Kassapa, the eldest of them, with an army, and charged him to go and take possession of the country (that was his inheritance). And so he proceeded thither and put 55 his aunt to death, and brought all the provinces of the Rohana under him, and dwelt there, free from all danger. And then he 56

* Evidently another name by which king Sena was known.
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sent and called his two brethren, Sena and Udaya, and divided the country among them, and lived peacefully with them.

57 And the three royal maidens whom the king had brought up came of age and were fair and beautiful as goddesses. And the
58 king raised the one called Sañghá to the rank of a queen and gave her to the sub-king (Sena)* to wife, with treasures equal
59 in value to his kingdom. And to the younger brother Mahinda,
60 who was endued with every virtue, and skilled in all the arts, the king gave the other two beautiful princesses, Tissá and Kittí, with a dowry according to his desire.

61 Thus did the king render all good offices to his kinsfolk and gain the goodwill of his people by making gifts and by other
62 deeds of kindness. And as he was endued with the ten virtues of kings, he walked in the path of righteousness and enjoyed the land.

63 And he built, as it were by a miracle, a great vihára at Arittha-pabbata, and endowed it with great possessions, and
64 dedicated it to the Paṇṣukúlika brethren. And he gave to it also royal privileges and honours, and a great number of keepers
65 for the garden, and servants, and artificers. And as he desired to attain to the position of a Buddha, this lord of the land caused a palace of many stories to be built at the Jetavana Vihára, and
66 made an image of the Conqueror wrought in solid gold, and placed it there, and endowed it with great possessions, and made
67 the priests to live therein. At the large pariveṇa of this selfsame vihára he restored, in great splendour, the mansion that had
68 been destroyed by fire, and built the Virañkurârâma at the Abhaya-giri temple, and dedicated it to the priest of the Mahásañghika
69 and Theriya Succession. And together with his queen Sañghá he built the Pubbârâma, and provided it fully with the four
70 requirements of monastic life. This wise and great king, together with that selfsame queen, built also the dwelling-place for the priesthood called Sañgha-Sena, and gave unto it great
71 possessions. And for the Hair-relic he wrought a casket all of gold, and held a great festival in honour of the shrine; and
72 this glorious person dedicated to it his kingdom. To the Cetiya-pabbata he gave the very profitable channel, Kāṇavāpi, and commanded that the three robes should be given to the priests that dwelt throughout the island.

73 With the help of the great tank Thusavāpi he built several

* The king's nephew, Kassapa's eldest son. See *infra*, v. 48.

smaller tanks at the city of Pulatthi, and he also built the dwelling-place for the priests called Senaggabodhi, with lands and care-takers attached to it. He caused the Mahápáli alms-hall 74 in that city to be furnished full well with victuals, and erected a Mahápáli alms-hall at the Mahánetta-pabbata, also for the use of the whole priesthood. He built a house for the sick on 75 the western side of the city, and gave an alms of gruel and other victuals for the destitute. This famous man also built a 76 separate kitchen for the Paṇsukūlika priests, and caused food to be served to them daily in proper order. And when he held the 77 office of chief governor he built separate rooms at the Kappūra Pariveṇa and the Uttarāḷha Vihāra, which he called after his own name. And as he had great riches, three times gave he 78 gifts to the poor and needy, equal in value to his weight in the balance, and did also many other deeds of great merit. His queen, 79 Saṅghā, also built the dwelling-place for the priests, called Mahinda-Sena, at the Northern Vihāra, and caused them to live there. And that goodly vihāra, Dappuḷa-pabbata, that the 80 minister Mahādeva commenced to build in the reign of that valiant king Dappuḷa, and likewise the vihāra Kassapa-Rājaka, 81 that the minister Dāru Kassapa had commenced, were both of them finished by this king. And Bhadda, the captain of his army, 82 built a pariveṇa, which he called Bhadda-Senāpati, with slaves and lands attached thereto. And his minister Uttara built a 83 goodly dwelling-place at the Abhayagiri temple for the priests, which he called Uttara-Sena, and gifted unto it the necessities of monastic life in great abundance. And Vajira, the minister, 84 built the dwelling-place Vajira-Sena, and the minister Rak- khasa the dwelling-place Rakkhasa.

And pondering over the violent deeds that the king of Paṇḍu 85 had done, this king, who had the power of discerning between good and evil, died in the twentieth year of his reign, while he yet dwelt in Pulatthi. Like unto a lamp that a strong wind 86 had put out, passed he away from the land, to make place, as it were, for the brave Sena to ascend the throne.

Prosperity, and life itself, are both uncertain, and so are 87 friends and relations. Look then, for example, at the fate of this chief among men who entered all alone into the terrible jaws of death.

Thus endeth the fiftieth chapter, entitled "The Reign of One King," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LI.

1 **AND** on the death of Sena (or Silámegha), the chief gover-
 nor Sena, having done all that was meet to be done in
 2 honour of the deceased king, entered the city at the head
 of a well-furnished army, and made himself king over the country.
 And as if he were displaying to the world the virtuous lives of
 3 the kings of a by-gone age, he was pious and yet brave, rich and
 yet greedy of nothing, a cheerful giver always bent on charity, a
 man of great possessions, strong in army and the materiel of war.
 4 His fame was without spot or blemish, and his glory was unsullied,
 as if he had put the sun and moon together to shed their lustre
 5 jointly. And as he was full of stainless virtue and possessed a
 power of discerning between good and evil, and had a great insight
 into the nature of things, he passed safely through the torrents of
 sin and despised the vanity of a ceaseless existence.
 6 And he had a wife by name Saṅghá, whom he raised to the
 rank of queen-consort after he had conferred on her the privileges
 7 that were due. And his younger brother Mahinda, a man of
 wisdom, he appointed to the office of sub-king, and gave him the
 8 southern portion of the country. But Mahinda had done a wicked
 thing in the king's house. And when it was known to him that
 this thing had come to the ears of the king, he disguised himself
 and departed forthwith with his wife and children to the Malaya
 9 country. Now, about that time the queen Saṅghá had borne a
 son to the king, like as if she were displaying to him the image
 10 of the beautiful son of Paṇáda. As soon as the child was born the
 king saw him, and was delighted like unto Suddhodana at the
 11 birth of Siddhattha in the Lumbiní park. And when the day was
 12 come for the naming of the child, the king thought thus within
 himself: "My son is the child of prosperity and of merit, and he
 seemeth fit to govern not only one island but the whole even of
 the Indian continent." So he conferred on him on that very day
 the office of sub-king, with all honour, and gave him the southern
 13 country. But he who had aforetime been the sub-king cunningly
 regained the king's favour, while he yet lived in the Malaya
 country, and returned to the captial with his brother's leave.
 14 And attended by a great number of priests in the three
 brotherhoods, he sought the king's presence and entered into an
 15 inviolable covenant with him. And Tissá, the consort of this sub-
 16 king, had a daughter named Saṅghá; and Kitti also, his other wife,
 17 had four sons and one daughter. And the king, who was a crafty

man, took counsel with his ministers, and married Saṅghá, the 18
beautiful daughter of the sub-king, to his son Kassapa, thinking
thereby to confirm his younger brother in his faith in the king's
goodwill towards him. And he restored also to his younger 19
brother the southern country, and gave to the prince, for his 20
support, many of his own possessions also, and the revenues of the
whole kingdom. But being desirous of the welfare of the country,
he kept the government of the kingdom in his own hands. And 21
the prince and his princess lived together in peace and harmony,
doing many deeds of merit, and begat sons and daughters of good
fortune and great promise.

And when the lord of the land had held the festival of the 22
Tooth-relic with all honours, he ascended the beautiful temple
Ratana, and perceiving that the pedestal was empty whereon 23
the image of the supreme Buddha stood, wondered why it was
so. And his ministers answered him and said, "O lord of the 24
land! knoweth not your majesty how in the days of thy royal 25
uncle, king Paṇḍu, came hither and laid waste the island, and
carried off every costly thing that was therein?" And when the 26
king heard this he was sore ashamed, yea, even as if the shame
of his defeat had fallen on him. Wherefore on that self-same
day he commanded his ministers to see to it that an army
was raised. Now, it came to pass that at that very time a 27
prince of the royal family of Paṇḍu was come hither, having
formed a design to overthrow that kingdom because he had
been ill-treated by his king. And when the king saw him he 28
was much pleased, and having done unto him all that was meet to
be done to a stranger, he proceeded to the port of Mahátittha,
and busied himself there in collecting a large army and all the 29
materiel of war, without omitting aught that was wanting. And
when he had put his men in order, so that they looked like
the hosts of the gods, this famous king gave the command of his 30
army to his chief captain, and charged him that he should take 31
the prince of Paṇḍu with him to the country of the Paṇḍians, and
put the king thereof to death, and recover all the treasures and
other things that had been carried away from the island, and,
having set the young prince upon the throne, return hither in all
haste. And the chief captain promised to do all that had been 32
commanded him, and taking leave of the king straightway entered
into a ship with his men. And when he had landed on the other 33
side with his men and all his materiel of war, he laid waste the
coast and encompassed the city of Madhura. And when he

34 had laid siege to the city, he caused the gates thereof to be shut,
so that there was no communication whatever either from within
35 storehouses. And while the army of the Siphalese was besieging
his city and laying waste the country round about, and destroying
36 his hosts, king Paṇḍu heard thereof, and made haste thither
37 with his army and gave them battle. But the number of his
men sufficed him not. And being himself wounded with an
38 arrow, he left the city to its fate and fled from the field of
battle on the back of an elephant, and gave up his life in the
wrong place. And his queen also died with him at the same time.
39 And after that the army of the Siphalese, fearing nothing,
entered the city and spoiled it of all that was therein, like unto
40 the gods who spoiled the city of the Asurs. And the chief of
the army reached the king's palace and found therein the
treasures that had been carried away from the island, and many
41 other things also of great value. And he took possession of all
these things, and also of all the riches found in the city and in the
42 country. And he kept the supreme power in his own hands, and
placing the young prince under his control, he made him king
over the country with all the ceremonies that were due, and gave
43 the country into his keeping. And he took many men and
horses and elephants as it pleased him, and, fearing no danger
from any quarter whatever, halted his army wherever he chose,
44 and reached the sea-board and rested there according to his good
pleasure; and from thence the skilful captain entered into a ship,
45 as if he were bound on a voyage of pleasure, and reached Mahā-
tittha; and having saluted the lord of the land and related the
story of his enterprise, he showed forth all the treasures that he
46 had brought with him. And the king said, "It is well," and
bestowed great honours on him. And having accompanied the
47 rejoicing army to his own city, the king held a feast of triumph
and drank wine in honour of this victory.

48 He gave abundantly to the poor according to their need. And
as he cared not for his own profit, he restored to its former con-
49 dition everything of importance throughout the island. He
caused the golden images to be kept in their proper shrines, and
fixed again the image of the Teacher on the empty altar in
50 the Ratana temple. Thenceforth he did what was necessary
to protect the land and inspire confidence, and made it difficult
for the enemy to overrun the island any more. He then greatly
increased the cultivation thereof, and made the island look like

Uttarakuru.* And the people, who had been heavily oppressed 51
under his predecessor, now rejoiced and were glad, as if from the
fierce heat they had come to the shelter of a rain-cloud.

And it was in the twentieth year of this king's reign that the 52
Papsukūlika brethren left the Abhayagiri and departed thence.

And Mahinda, the sub-king, repaired the goodly house that 53
stood near the illustrious tree of the Teacher, and made it
pleasing to the eyes and pleasant to look upon. And when the 54
carpenters who were employed in building it perceived that a
branch of the fair Bodhi-tree was being rubbed against the
scaffolding, and thereby bruised, they knew not what to do, and 55
went and told it to the sub-king. Whereupon he went and made
a great offering to it, and spake these words : " O Teacher ! if 56
now thou wert born for the good of all living beings, and if by
the building of this house, of which none can tell the value,
I shall gain merit, then, I pray thee, let this branch spring 57
upward, that so I may be able to build this house." And
when he had made this supplication he bowed himself to
the ground before the tree, and departed to his house. And 58
behold ! in the night the branch of the king of trees sprang
upward. And in the morning the workmen saw it, and went and
told their lord of what had happened. And the sub-king was 59
exceeding glad thereat, and told the news to his brother, the
king, and made great and costly offerings to the tree. He also 60
built the vibāra, Mahinda-Sena, and gave it to the Order with a
grant of lands. He gained other merits also : to wit, the gift of 61
the parasol that he used, the garments and sandals that he wore,
gifts of rice to journeymen priests, and the dedication of a
bath with refectories. Thus this sub-king, having done these 62
and other acts of lesser merit, passed away according to his
deeds in the thirty-third year of the king's reign.

And on the death of the sub-king the king appointed his 63
youngest brother, Udaya, to the office, and gave him all his pos-
sessions. And the king fed and gratified the poor and needy by 64
a gift of costly things equal to his weight in the balance. He
purged the three brotherhoods by causing them to dwell in unity,
after enforcing the rules of discipline. He loved meritorious 65
deeds ; and so he filled one thousand golden saucers with pearls, 67
and, placing a costly gem on each of them, gave them with

* In Buddhist mythology, one of the four great continents (Mahādīpa)
supposed to abound with wealth and plenty.

great pomp to one thousand Brahmans, whom he fed with milk-
rice in polished vessels of gold. And he gave unto them sacred
threads of gold, and clothed them likewise with new garments
68 according to their heart's desire. To all the monks in the
island he made gifts of robes, to each one a suit; and goodly
69 clothes to all the women, to each one a cloth. And when he
had repaired the Lohapāsāda, so that it looked like the Vejayanta
(mansion of the gods), he placed therein the statue inlaid with
70 gems firmly imbedded in gold. And when it was told that the
building had been used by great and holy men (of old) as an
Uposatha hall, he made it a dwelling-place for ever to the Order,
saying, "Never may this house be empty even for one moment!"
71 And to this end he gave villages for its support, and appointed
watchmen to keep watch over it, and commanded that about
72 thirty-two monks at least should dwell there always. He made
the Maṇimekhalā dam on the river, and a sluice for the Maṇi-
73 hīra tank. He built also the Kāṇavāpi tank at Kaṭṭhanta-
74 nagara, and a hospital at Cetiyaḡiri. He multiplied the revenue
of the Buddhagāma Vihāra, the Mahiyaṅgana Vihāra, and the
75 Kūṭatissa Vihāra, by giving lands for their support. And to
the Maṇḍalagiri Vihāra he gave some of his own possessions
76 also. He built a lofty house at the Uttarālha Pariveṇa, and
gave a village to the image of Buddha called Mahāsena, and set
guardians over it. He made an image-house also for the Sobbha
77 Vihāra. In the temple at Maṇimekhalā he put an image of the
Bodhisatta, and after he had repaired the house of the stone
78 image of the great Sage he conveyed the image, with its pavilion
also, and placed it there. And when he had made a cistern for
79 the king of trees, he held a great feast in honour thereof. And
the whole of the Ratana Sutta he caused to be copied in leaves
of gold, and held a great feast, and caused the Abhidhamma to
80 be preached. And he brought forth the image of A'nanda, and
carried it in procession round about the city, and then caused
81 the Paritta to be recited duly by the Order, and saved the people
from sickness by sprinkling the holy water thereof upon them.
Even so drove this king the fear of pestilence from the land.
82 And he got himself to be anointed at the Hemavāluka Cetiya,*
and charged it to be written that this should be regarded as a
83 custom every year (by the kings who came after him). To four
thousand of the poor he gave food and raiment in charity on the

four Uposatha days of the month. He held the joyful feast of 84
 May, and joined with the meaner folk in their pastimes. And
 he gave them meat and drink and raiment, according as it
 pleased them best. To the brethren in all the island he gave 85
 alms daily; and he satisfied the wants of the needy, the way-
 farer, and the beggar, by giving them gifts.

And Saṅghā, the king's consort, built at Abhayuttara* the 86
 Saṅgha-Sena Vihāra, that was like unto a rock in appearance,
 and filled it with wealth. She made also a crest of blue for the 87
 stone-image of the Sage, and offered daily offerings to it with all
 marks of honour.

Moreover, Tuṭṭha, the valiant chief captain of the king, built 88
 the pariveṇa Sena-Senāpati, and endowed it with great
 possessions.

So this great king, who was an example to many, did many 89
 good deeds, and entered into the world of the gods in the thirty-
 fifth year of his reign.

Thereupon Udaya,† his younger brother, became king, and he 90
 sought diligently to increase the prosperity of the island. And 91
 he raised Kassapa, his brother's youngest son, to the office of
 chief governor. And as it seemed meet to the king that he 92
 should show favour to his kinsfolk, he gave Senā, the sub-king's 93
 daughter, to Kassapa to wife, and Tissā, the other daughter, he
 kept to himself.

And Kittaggaḃodhi, the governor, the son of the sub-king 94
 Mahinda by the princess Kitti, a man of a rash temper, became
 a traitor to the king. And he disguised himself and departed 95
 secretly at night, and went alone to the Rohaṇa. And there he 96
 made the people to be as a tool in his hands, and laid waste the
 whole country, and caused his uncle, who dwelt there, to be killed.
 And when the king heard of these things he was exceeding 97
 wroth, and sought diligently how he might bring him to the
 capital. And then he sent and called his brother's son, the 98
 sub-king Kassapa, and spake thus unto him: "O thou, who art
 the favourite of fortune! I pray thee, help me." And he 99
 answered and said, "What doth your majesty desire of me?"
 And the king said: "Thy son Mahinda is even now come of age,
 and he is a mighty man, and the Rohaṇa is the inheritance of 100
 his father and his mother. He is a valiant man also, and can
 bear all things. And as he is brave and clever, and skilled in all

* Abhayagiri Vihāra.

† The First.

101 the uses of weapons of war, he is fit to go forth to battle. More-
 over, he is an expert and prudent man, and well acquainted with
 the ways of warfare. Let us send him to Rohaṇa that we may
 102 fetch hither that wicked man, the slayer of his uncle." And
 Kassapa heard the king's words and answered him thus, with
 all respect: "Your majesty, O king! hath sought my help.
 What need is there of my son? I will go even myself (to Rohaṇa).
 103 And when I have departed on this errand, I know that the king's
 favour and the safety of my household are assured unto me.
 104 Let, therefore, no time be lost, but let it be as thou wilt." And
 the king was exceeding glad when he heard these words, and he
 did everything that lay in his power, and gathered together a
 105 great army. And he appointed Vajiragga, the captain, to watch
 106 over the young prince Mahinda, to whom he gave command of
 the whole army, fully equipped with all the instruments of war,
 107 whereby the city itself looked empty. And the king himself
 followed Mahinda on foot, giving him courage, saying, "O highly
 108 favoured of fortune! Go thou and save the country." And
 Mahinda shone at the head of his army with great splendour,
 even as Mahinda,* as he proceeded at the head of his celestial
 109 hosts to the great battle of the gods and the giants. And soon
 110 he reached Guttasāla. And all the folks of the country, and
 the chiefs of the provinces and of the districts whom the wicked
 slayer of his uncle had cruelly treated, joined themselves unto
 him, saying, "Now have we received our rightful lord and
 111 master." And the traitor, while he yet tarried at Girimaṇḍala,
 112 felt that his fall was at hand. And so he seized all the royal
 costly treasures and fled to the mountains, taking all his ele-
 phants and horses with him. And Mahinda's host crushed the
 113 enemy on every side, and pursued the fugitive step by step, even to
 the foot of the mountain. And then they came upon his
 elephants and horses, and captured them. And saying to them-
 114 selves, "Here must he be also," they ascended the mountain,
 treading under foot the whole forest, and making the rivers and
 115 marshy places look like highways. And the foolish man, seeing
 that Mahinda's men were following hard after him, waxed
 exceeding wroth, and throwing all the jewels that he had into
 116 ponds and rivers and other such places, hid himself alone in a
 cave in the rock. And there his pursuers found him, and seized
 117 the miscreant. And they brought him straightway with great

* The chief of the gods, the great Indra.

joy to Mahinda, who was at Guttasálaka. And when Mahinda 118
 saw him, he laughed him to scorn, and spake to him, saying,
 "Hast thou then possessed the Rohaṇa?" And then he gave
 him in charge to Vajiragga, the king's chief captain, and pro- 119
 ceeded at the head of the army to Mahágáma, and made himself
 lord of the Rohaṇa. And he bestowed favours on his subjects 120
 with a free hand, and restored the people, whom the foolish
 tyrant had oppressed, to their former condition, and established
 as aforetime the religion which he had injured. And he planted 121
 orchards and gardens of flower trees in divers places, and built a
 dam across the great river, and formed tanks, and thereby made it 122
 easy for the Order to obtain everywhere the four necessities of a
 monastic life. And he removed all the wicked chiefs of provinces
 and of districts from their offices, and drove away the robbers 123
 from the country and freed it from the thorns of danger, and
 made merry the hearts of all the people from the fullness of his
 riches and his great bounty. And this man, who was worthy of 124
 being honoured by the prudent and of being served by the needy,
 and like unto the wish-conferring tree in the comfort that he
 bestowed on the poor, forsook the evil ways that aforetime had 125
 been followed throughout the land, and walked in the path of
 righteousness, and took up his abode there.

And Vajiragga, the king's chief captain, brought the rebel- 126
 lious governor to Anurádhapura, and took him before the king.
 And when the king saw him, his anger was kindled against him, 127
 and he straightway put him in prison and set a guard over him,
 and treated him severely in every way.

Three times did this famous king give gifts of precious things 128
 equal to his weight in the balance. And he covered also the
 Thúpa at the Thúpáráma with a band of gold. He built a 129
 lofty house there, and caused a chapter of monks to dwell there,
 and repaired the breaches in this vihāra, and also in the city.

And he made a waterfall with a strong dam on the Kadamba 130
 river, and enlarged the bounds of the tank at Mayetti, and every 131
 year made therein an outlet for water. And this preserver of the
 country gave cloth of fine texture, that garments might be made
 therewith for the brethren. And in years of famine he caused 132
 dining halls to be built, and gave abundantly in charity, and
 made the Mahápáli alms-hall to flourish. To the brethren of the 133
 three establishments he gave curdled milk and rice. And every
 day he gave alms-rice, and even gruel, with sweetmeats.

And when he had done these and other like good works which 134

lead, to heaven, he went to join the assembly of the gods in the
 135 eleventh year of his reign. And the sum that he spent on good
 works during these eleven years was reckoned at three of one
 hundred thousand and ten times that number in gold.

136 Thus did one king, after he had brought under his subjection
 the great King of Paṇḍu that could not be easily conquered, and
 the other, after he had reduced Rohaṇa and its mighty strong-
 holds,—even thus did these lords of men themselves yield to the
 power of death.

Thus endeth the fifty-first chapter, entitled “The Reigns of
 Two Kings,” in the Mahávaṇṣa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LII.

- 1 **W**HEN Kassapa* sat upon the throne and gave the southern
 country to the wise sub-king, whose name was Kassapa.
 2 And he caused the sub-king's daughter, even his own
 3 wife, the royal princess Tissá, to be anointed chief queen. He
 also caused donations to be given continually to the needy and
 to the artificers who came from divers parts; and this charity
 was called Daṇḍissara.
 4 And Mahinda, the governor, who then dwelt at Rohaṇa,†
 5 came with an army to seize the king's country. And when the
 king heard of it his anger was kindled, and he sent his own army
 against him. But that mighty man fought and routed that
 6 army. Whereupon the king, in order that he might restrain
 7 him, sent his father Kassapa,‡ the sub-king, unto him. And he
 went up and told him all that was right, proving the same from
 divers stories from the (book of the) law. And when he had
 restrained his son from warring any further, he returned (to the
 8 king). But after that Mahinda, the governor, slew certain
 chiefs of provinces, and perceiving that it roused the fury of the
 9 provinces, he fled to the neighbourhood of the city. And the
 brethren in a body took him to the king's presence. And the
 king gave him his daughter to wife, and sent him again to
 10 Rohaṇa. This king drove out the lewd brethren from among the
 dwellers of the three brotherhoods, and ordained others in their
 11 stead, whom he caused to dwell in the several viháras. And the
 Bodhi-tree at the Mahá Vihára he filled anew with earth at the

* The Fourth.

† See chap. LVII., vv. 119—125.

‡ *Ibid*, v. 98 *et seq.*

hands of the governor, the son of the twice-anointed queen, and held great feasts in honour thereof. And then he made halo-ornaments of gold, and a parasol, and a jewel for the crest, for each of the solid stone images at the three religious houses. He made a stately house, called after his own name, at the Abhayagiri Vihára, and caused brethren to dwell there, and gave villages for its support. To the Cetiya at the Mahiyañgana Vihára also he gave a village. And in honour of the images he gave rice and cloth to all the brethren. And from all living things on land and in water removed he then the fear (of death); and the customs of former kings he observed with much care.

And Ilañga Sena, the chief captain of his army, who was a prince of the blood, built a house for the Theriya brethren behind the Thúpárama. And the Dhammáráma he built for the Dhammarucikas,* and likewise the Kassapa Sena for the Ságalikas.† At the Cetiya-pabbata he built the vihára Hadayunha, and gave it also to the Dhammarucika brethren. And for the use of the priests that dwelt in groves he built cells, in each grove a cell; and at the Rattamálagiri he built a goodly room and pleasant, and gave it to the hermits, who were the guardians of religion. And he built also the beautiful pariveṇa at the Mahá Vihára, which he called Samudda-giri, and gave it to the Papsukúlika monks. And he made a habitation in the forest after the name of his own lineage, and gave it to the brethren of the Mahá Vihára brotherhood, who dwelt in forests. Moreover, he repaired the viharás that were old, and caused patches to be put on the old garments of the brethren. And for the sisters he built a dwelling-house, Tissáráma, and appointed them to have the care of the Marica-vaṭṭi Thúpa and the great Bodhi-tree. And at Anurádhapura and the city of Pulatthi he built hospitals for the prevention of pestilential diseases. And to these buildings he granted fruitful lands and gardens, with keepers, and furnished them also with means for the support of images. In divers places in the city he built dispensaries‡ for medicine, and caused rice and cloth to be given to the Papsukúlika monks. He set at liberty also many beasts that were bound. The chief captain of the army also caused great gifts to be given to the poor, and savoury rice and curry and gruel, and divers kinds of food and hog-shaped jaggery to be given to the brethren. And by these and other like

* The Abhayagiri fraternity.

† The Jétavana fraternity.

‡ *Bhesajja gehaṇ*, 'medicine-house.'

good deeds the fame of Sena, the chief captain of the army, shed light on all the country like unto the rays of the moon.

31 And one of the kinsfolk of this self-same captain of the army, a chief, Rakkhasa by name, built a very goodly vihāra in the
32 village Savāraka, and ordained an excellent course of exercise to be followed daily by the dwellers therein, and gave it unto the monks of the Mahā Vihāra, who were perfect in discipline.

33 And the chief scribe Sena built a noble house, called Mahā-lekhaka-pabbata, for the use of the monks of the Mahā Vihāra.

34 And the king's minister named Colarājā re-built a parivepa that had been altogether ruined, and made it a goodly and lasting place to dwell in.

35 In all the three fraternities the king made beautiful halls, like unto the Vejayanta, and ornamented them with fine paint-
36 ings, and held feasts of relics pleasing to the minds of his people, and passed away according to his deeds after he had sat seventeen years on the throne.

37 Then Kassapa,* the sub-king, who was born of the twice-crowned queen† was anointed king over Laṅkā, the crown
38 whereof descended in the order of inheritance. And he was endued with faith, and had a knowledge of the true way, and was wise as one of surpassing wisdom. He was of ready speech, like unto the minister of the gods,‡ and of a free hand, like unto the
39 giver of wealth.§ And he was a learned expounder of the law,|| and skilled in all arts, and gifted in discerning between right
40 and wrong. He was versed in policy, and grounded firmly in the faith like unto an immoveable pillar, so that he remained
41 unshaken by the winds of contrary doctrines. He harboured neither pride nor guile, nor deceit, nor such-like sins, but was a mine of virtue like unto the ocean for all sorts of gems.

42 And this ruler of men, who was like unto a moon in the world, conferred the office of sub-king on the governor Dappuḷa, who

° Kāsyapa the Fifth.

† Cf. chap. LI., vv. 91—93; chap. LII., vv. 1, 2, 11. Tissā, the queen-dowager of Udaya,* having been raised to the rank of queen by Kāsyapa IV., she was twice anointed or twice crowned.

‡ Vṛihaspati.

§ Kuvera.

|| The authorship of the Elu work called the *Dampiyā Geṭapada*, or a *Glossary* on the *Dhammapada*, should, I think, be rightly attributed to this king (Kāsyapa V.) and not to Kāsyapa the Parricide, as I have erroneously done elsewhere. The doubtful expression *dehisarajā*, occurring at the end of that work, can now be easily explained by the Pāli *Devayābhiseka-sañjāta* in our text, meaning, 'born of the twice-crowned queen.'

was born of his own house. By the practice of the ten virtues 43
of kings and the four means of conciliation, he watched over his
people like his own eye. And he purged the whole religion of the 44
Teacher by enforcing the rules of discipline, and appointed new
priests to fill up the vacant places in the viháras.* And he 45
re-built the Maricavaṭṭi Vihára that King Duṭṭhagāmaṇi had
built, and which had gone to ruin, and adorned it with divers 46
dwellings for the brethren, and after holding a great feast in cele-
bration thereof he gave it to the Theravapsaja brethren.† And
to five hundred of them he gave lands for their support. And 47
that so he might display a likeness unto Metteyya,‡ the chief of
the world, preaching the noble doctrines to a multitude of gods 48
in the Tusita heaven, this chief of Laṅkā, surrounded by his 49
subjects and all the brethren, in the goodly hall adorned with
divers jewels, at the richly-decorated vihára, expounded the
Abhidhamma with the glory of a Buddha. And then he caused 50
the Abhidhamma Piṭaka to be written on plates of gold, and
embellished the book Dhammasaṅgaṇi with divers jewels, and 51
built for it a house in the midst of the city, and placed it there,
and caused feasts to be held in honour thereof. And he gave 52
the office of Sakka Senápatiṣ to his own son, and charged him
that he should take the oversight of feasts for the book of the 53
law. And every year the king caused the city to be decorated like
the city of the gods, and adorning himself all over with jewels, 54
so that he shone like the king of the gods, he marched through
the streets of the city seated on an elephant, surrounded by a 55
well-clad host. And the book Dhammasaṅgaṇi he took in
procession in great splendour to the richly-decorated vihára that 56
he had built there, and having placed it on the relic-altar in the
hall of the goodly relic-house that was ornamented with divers
jewels, he made offerings unto it. And in the Mahámeghavana 57
he built the Ganthákara Pariveṇa, and a hospital also in the city,
and gave lands to them. At the Abhayagiri he built the 58
Bhaṇḍiká Pariveṇa and the Silámegha-pabbata Vihára, and gave 59
lands to them also. And to the refectories at Jetavana Vihára
and the Abhayagiri, this chief of Laṅkā gave villages likewise, 60

* Evidently showing that the enforcement of the rules of discipline (Dhamma kamma) resulted in the exclusion or excommunication of many dissolute monks from the ranks of the Order.

† Sometimes Theravádí or Theriyá. All these terms are used to denote the monks of the Mahá Vihára fraternity.

‡ The Buddha who is to come next.

§ Śakra's general.

a village to each house. And by reason of his gratitude this most righteous king gave lands to the vihára Dakkhiṇagiri by name.

61 Moreover, Sakka Senápati built a delightful pariveṇa which
62 he called after his own name, and gave it unto the Theriya
brethren with lands. And his wife Vajirá also gave unto them
63 a pariveṇa after her own name, and lands thereto. And it was
she who gave to the Theravaṇsa sisterhood, that was honoured
64 everywhere, the convent that she built at Pada-lañchana. And
the queen-mother of Sakka Senápati built a convent after her
own name for the use of the forest brethren, who were as lamps
65 to the Succession of elders (Theravaṇsa). And for the image
of the Teacher at Maricavatti she it was who made a jewel for the
crest, a net-work for the feet, and a canopy and a robe also.

66 And in the palace the king built a royal chamber after his
own name, and a beautiful house with upper stories, which he
called Pálíka.

67 And Rájini, the king's second queen, made an offering of a
68 silken covering for the Hemamálá Cetiya.* And she had a son
called Siddhattha, who was celebrated as "Malaya Rájá." He
69 was like unto the god of beauty in form. And when he died
the king built a hall for the brethren, and established an alms
of food, and gave the merit thereof to him.

70 So while the king of Lapká was ruling righteously in this
wise, King Paṇḍu who had warred with the king of Coḷa and
71 was routed, sent many presents unto him, that he might obtain
an army from him. And the king, the chief of Lapká, took
72 counsel with his ministers and equipped an army, and, appointing
Sakka Senápati to the command thereof, accompanied it himself
73 to Mahátittha. And he stood on the shore and brought to their
mind the victories of former kings, and gave them courage, and
74 thus sent them into the ships. And Sakka Senápati carried
them safely to the other side of the sea, and reached the Paṇḍian
75 country. And when King Paṇḍu beheld the army and the
captain thereof, he was greatly pleased, and exclaimed, "All
Jambudípa shall I now bring under the canopy of one domi-
76 nion;" and then he led the two armies (his own and the Siṅghalese
king's) to battle. But he succeeded not in conquering the king
of the Cholian race. And so he abandoned the struggle and
77 returned (to his own place). But Sakka Senápati went against

* The Ruvanvelī Sēya.

him, saying, "Alone shall I fight him," and died of a contagious disease to the great misfortune of Paṇḍu. And when it was told to the king of Laṅkā that his army was being destroyed by the same disease, he had compassion on the men, and ordered that they should be brought hither. And then he gave the office of Sakka Senāpati to his (the late general's) son, and made him the chief of the army, and brought him up in his father's name. And he caused the Paritta ceremony to be held in the city by the brethren of the three fraternities, and drove out the fear of disease and dearth from the people.

And when he had brought happiness in divers ways to the religion and to his people, the king passed away to heaven in the tenth year of his reign.

And Kassapa, the chief of kings, although he sat on the throne of Laṅkā, was yet well read in the three Piṭakas. Like unto a lamp did he give light to the length and breadth of knowledge; and he wrote books, and was of ready speech, and a poet. He had a clear memory and clearness of purpose; and he was both a preacher of the law and a doer of the same. Wise, faithful, and merciful, always seeking the good of others, he was bountiful and versed in the ways of the world. May the (kings of the) earth, yea, even all, be like unto him in the purity of virtue.

Thus endeth the fifty-second chapter, entitled "The Reigns of Two Kings," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LIII.

THEN Dappaḷa,* the sub-king, became king; and he appointed to the office of sub-king the governor of the same name. And he gave a village to the Maricavaṭṭi Vihāra, and maintained in the city the customs of former kings. Howbeit the king enjoyed not the earth long, because of his former sins. And so he entered within the gate of death in the seventh month of his reign.

Thereupon Dappaḷa,† the sub-king, became king. And he bestowed the office of sub-king on Udaya. Now, at that time King Paṇḍu, because he feared the Cholians, left his country and got into a ship, and landed at Mahātitttha. And the king sent

* The Fourth.

† The Fifth.

unto him, and was well pleased to see him, and gave him great
 7 possessions, and caused him to live outside the city. And while
 the king of Laṇkā was yet preparing for war, thinking unto him-
 self, "Now shall I make war with the Cholian king and take two
 sea-ports, and give them unto King Paṇḍu," it came to pass that
 8 a fierce strife arose, from some cause, among the princes of the
 9 island, to the great misfortune of Paṇḍu. And King Paṇḍu
 thought thus to himself: "I shall reap no advantage by dwelling
 here." So he left his crown and other apparel, and went to the
 Keralaitē.*

10 And when the strife was ended, the king gave a village, hard
 by the city, to the great Bodhi-house at the Mahāmeghavana.
 11 And Rakkhaka, the chief of his army, surnamed Ilaṅga, built the
 12 house Rāja near the Thúpārāma. And the king maintained all
 the works that had been done by former kings, and reached the
 twelfth year of his reign, and passed away according to his deeds.
 13 And Udaya,† the sub-king, then became the chief over the
 people of Laṇkā. And he anointed Sena, the governor, as sub-
 14 king. Now, in those days the ministers who (had offended and)
 feared the king took refuge in the Tapovana.‡ And the king and
 15 sub-king followed them thither, and had their heads cut off. And
 the holy ascetics who dwelt there were sorely disgusted with this
 16 deed, and they left the country and went to the Rohaṇa. Where-
 upon the people of the country and the dwellers of the city, and
 all the men of war, were roused to anger, like the sea raging
 17 with a fierce storm; and they ascended the Ratanapāsāda at the
 Abhayagiri Vihāra, and after they had terrified the king and
 18 overawed him greatly, they cut off the heads of the ministers
 who had taken a part in the crime at the Tapovana, and threw
 19 them out of the window. And when the sub-king and his friend
 the governor heard the tumult that was made, they leaped over
 the walls (of the city) and escaped, and hastily fled to the
 20 Rohaṇa. And the men that were strong and valiant pursued
 after them until they came to the border of the Black River.§
 But the fugitives had crossed the river before them, and they
 returned (without following after them), because they had no
 21 boats (wherewith to cross the river). And the princes who had
 22 broken the peace in the sacred forest went thither, and fell
 down on their faces, in their wet raiments and hair, at the

* The king of Keraḷa.

† 'The Forest of Ascetics.'

‡ The Second.

§ The Kalu-gaṅga.

feet of the holy monks, and made a great wail, and left not off weeping until they had constrained the ascetics to forgive them. The great kindness and long suffering of these lords of religion moved the king towards the two offenders. And when the fury of the great army was appeased, the forces of the sub-king, accompanied by the brethren of the Three fraternities, set out to bring them back. And the two princes were prudent men, and well learned, and so they prayed the Papsukúlika brethren, and brought them back to the city. And the king also went out and met the monks on the way, and obtained forgiveness from them. And then he returned with them, and when he had left them in their forest he went back to the king's house. And from that time forth the king observed the customs of former kings, and passed away according to his deeds in the third year.

Thereupon Sena, a prudent man, was anointed king over Laṅkā. And he appointed Udaya, the governor, who was his friend, as sub-king. And he gave a thousand kahápaṇas* to the poor on the Uposatha day, and himself observed it also. And this the chief of men observed to his life's end. And this lord of the land gave to the brethren rice and cloth in honour of the images, and to the needy and to artificers he gave gifts out of the charity called Daṇḍissara.† This king caused beautiful houses also to be built in fit places for the use of the brethren, and gave them lands for their support. And he restored the ancient viháras throughout the island, each at a cost of one thousand or five hundred kahápaṇas. And for paving with stones (the foreground) at the Abhayagiri Cetiya, this king spent forty thousand kahápaṇas. And the decayed outlets for the passage of water‡ at the great tanks in Laṅká he repaired, and strengthened the bunds thereof with stone and earth. He built also a costly row of rooms in the king's house, of surpassing beauty, and strictly performed the charities established by former kings. And to the Nágasála Vihára that the minister Aggabodhi, the Rájá of Malaya, had built, he gave a grant of lands on the occasion that he had seen it. He made also goodly halls and fine paintings and images at the four viháras, and held relic festivals continually. And after these and divers other acts of merit, he passed away according to his deeds in the ninth year.

And after him the sub-king Udaya§ was anointed king over

* A certain coin : value uncertain.

† See chap. LII, v. 3.

‡ *Niddhamana*. This may mean either a sluice or spill. § The Third.

Lakṣá. And he appointed Sena, the governor, to the office of
 40 sub-king. But to the great misfortune of the people, this king
 became a drunkard and a sluggard. And when the Cola king
 41 heard of his indolence, his heart was well pleased, and, as he
 desired to take to himself the dominion of the whole Paṇḍu
 country, he sent emissaries to him to obtain the crown and the rest
 42 of the apparel that the king of Paṇḍu left there when he fled. But
 the king refused to yield them. Whereupon the Cola king, who
 was very powerful, raised an army, and sent it to take them, even
 43 by violence. Now, at this time, the chief of the army was absent,
 having gone to subdue the provinces on the border that had
 revolted. And the king commanded him to return, and sent him
 44 to make war. Accordingly the chief of the army went forth and
 fought against the enemy, and perished in the battle. And the
 king (of Cola) took the crown and the other things, and proceeded
 45 towards Rohaṇa. But the army of the Cholians succeeded not in
 entering that country. So they went not any further, but returned
 to their own country, leaving this island in great fear.

46 And the king, the Chief of Lakṣá, appointed Viduragga, a
 man of great authority and knowledge, to be chief of the army.
 47 And he destroyed the borders of the dominion of the king of Cola,
 and overawed him, and caused the things that were taken from
 48 this place to be brought back. And then he gave to all the
 Paṇḍukúlika brethren in the island all such things as were
 needful and precious for them.

49 And the chief of Lakṣá then made a crest-jewel, that shone
 with gems and precious stones, for the image of the Teacher at
 50 the Mahá Vihára. And Vidurá, a woman of the king's household,
 made an offering also to that stone image of a network for the
 foot, shining with jewels.

51 And the king departed from this world in the eighth year, as
 he was rebuilding the palace called Maṇi, that the Cholian king
 had destroyed with fire.

52 Thus did these five kings enjoy the kingdom established under
 one canopy of dominion. And when they had subdued the whole
 world by a policy of repression and conciliation, they went under
 the sway of death, with their wives and their children, their
 ministers and their friends and followers. Let good men always
 remember this, that so they may cast off slothfulness and pride.

Thus endeth the fifty-third chapter, entitled "The Reigns of
 Five Kings," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight
 and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LIV.

THEN Sena* was anointed king over Lapká, according to 1
 the order of succession. And he bestowed the office of 2
 sub-king on the governor, Mahinda. Now, this king 2
 was a man of wisdom and of great learning, and an able man 3
 withal. And he conducted himself towards his friends and his 3
 enemies with great moderation, showing goodwill and affection at 3
 all times. In those days the heavens rained showers upon the 4
 land in due season, so that the people who dwelt therein were 4
 happy and contented. And the king took his seat on one occasion 4
 in the Lohapásáda, and expounded the Suttanta† in the presence 5
 of the brethren of all the three brotherhoods that were assembled 5
 therein. He adorned the casket of the Tooth-relic with divers 6
 gems, and held great feasts also in honour of relics at the four 6
 viháras. At Sitthagáma, where he had aforetime himself dwelt, 6
 he built a parivena; and after he had watched over his subjects, 6
 even as he would have watched over his son, he departed for 6
 heaven in the third year of his reign.

Thereupon Mahinda,‡ the sub-king, became king. By reason 7
 of his great fortune and glory, and the might of his arms and his 7
 renown, he shielded himself from the danger of conspiracies, and 8
 brought Lapká under one canopy of dominion, and made the 8
 rulers of the provinces faithful and obedient unto him. And the 9
 king sent out and got him a princess of the Kálínga Cakkavatti 9
 race, and made her his chief queen, albeit there were princesses 10
 in Lapká of royal blood. And she begat him two sons and one 10
 fair daughter. Of the sons he made governors, and raised the 11
 daughter to the rank of sub-queen. Thus also did this king 11
 establish the royal race of the Sīhalese.

Now, Vallabha, the king of Cola, sent forth an army to Nága- 12
 dípa to subdue this country. And when the king heard thereof, 13
 he sent Sena, the chief captain of his army thither, together with 13
 a great host, to fight against the hosts of Vallabha. And Sena 14
 led the army and fought against the enemy, and destroyed him 14
 utterly, and took possession of the field of battle. Whereupon 15
 Vallabha and the other princes entered into a treaty with the 15
 king of Lapká, because they could not prevail against him. 16
 Thus did the fame of this king spread abroad throughout Lapká,
 even across the sea unto Jambudípa.

* The Fourth.

† Buddha's sermons.

‡ The Fourth.

- 17 And the king showed great favour to the preachers of the
 18 holy law, and after he had heard the doctrine he rejoiced
 19 in the faith of Buddha. He gathered together also the Paṇṣu-
 20 kúlika monks, and invited and brought them to his own house ;
 21 and when he had seated them in order, he fed them with clean
 22 food in abundance. Thus did he always, as if it seemed to him
 23 the work of one day. To the brethren that dwelt in the forest
 24 he sent food with various condiments in abundance, clean and
 25 rich. He was a habitation of goodness, and sent physicians daily
 26 to heal the brethren that were afflicted with disease, and to them
 27 he sent daily sugar and sweetmeats roasted in ghee, and garlic-
 28 water and sweet-smelling betel, to be given to them after they
 29 had eaten of their rice. To each of the Paṇṣukúlika brethren he
 30 gave always a bowl filled with garlic and pepper, and long pepper
 31 and ginger and sugar, the three myrobalans also, ghee, sesamum
 32 oil, and honey,* and an outer garment and a covering for the bed.
 33 All the other things also that were necessary for the Paṇṣukúlika
 34 brethren, such as robes and the like, this lord of the land caused
 35 to be made and given to them. To each of the brethren of the
 36 Mahá Vihára, one by one, he gave new cloth wherewith to make
 37 robes. And twice did this lord of the land give to the brethren,
 38 who lived altogether on free gifts, presents of precious things
 39 equal to his weight in the balance. And he caused a command-
 40 ment to be inscribed on a stone in these words, "Let not kings
 41 in future take profit from lands that belong to the Order,"†
 42 and caused it to be set up. He made the poor and helpless to
 43 repeat the Three Refuges and the Nine Virtues of Buddha,‡ and
 44 commanded that rice and cloth should be given to them.
- 45 On the site of the stalls of the elephants he made an Alms-hall,
 46 with beds and seats, to the poor. He furnished all the hospitals
 47 also with medicines and beds, and caused rice to be given daily to
 48 the captives that were in prison. To monkeys and bears, and
 49 deer and dogs, did this benevolent man cause rice and cakes to be
 50 given. In the four viháras he garnered up heaps of paddy (and
 51 caused a proclamation to be made), saying, "Let the poor and
 52 helpless take thereof according to their need."
- 53 This king made a great feast also, at which he made divers
 54 offerings, and caused the Vinaya to be expounded by monks of
 55 great skill. And when he had made presents in due course, he

* These articles were considered necessary for a sick diet, "Gillānappaccaya bhesajja parikkhára."

† I believe this means the exemption of temple lands from tax.

‡ *Tisarāṇa* and *Navagaṇa*.

caused Dhammamitta, the elder of Sittthagāma, to expound the Abhidhamma; and Dāṭhānāga, who dwelt as a recluse in the forest and was like an ornament unto Laṅkā, to discourse thereon.

To the Hemamālika Cetiya* he made an offering of a silken covering, and offerings also, in divers ways, of perfumes and flowers and illuminations and incense, with music and dancing, and himself distributed among the brethren the cloths offered at that joyful season. To the three sacred gems he caused offerings of the flowers which he had caused to be brought from the various gardens of his kingdom. And he began the building of the lofty house Candana, at the Maricavaṭṭi† and made gifts of lands of great value to the brethren thereof. He made a casket of jewels also, and placed the Hair-relic therein, and made offerings to it. This lord of the land covered the Cetiya at the Thūpārāma with bands of gold and silver, and made offerings thereto equal in value to his kingdom. In the relic-house there he made also a door of gold like unto the mount Sineru, shining with the rays of the sun. He rebuilt also the beautiful house that belonged to the four Cetiya,‡ which stood at the Pada-lañehana, and which the hosts of King Cola had destroyed with fire. Likewise, the Tooth-relic house, the Dhammasaṅgaṇi house,§ and the Mahāpāli alms-hall, which stood in the middle of the city, and which also had been destroyed by fire. And the lord of the land built a betel-hall, and spent the revenue thereof for the medicine and diet of the brethren that belonged to the school of the elders.|| And to the nuns that had been brought up in the school of the elders he gave the Mahāmāllaka convent that he had built. And the storied house Maṇi, that his uncle, King Udaya, had commenced, he brought to a conclusion in a worthy manner.

And four of the king's ministers at that time built four parivenas at the Jétavana Vihāra. And Kiṭṭi also, the king's most beautiful queen, who was as an embodiment in her person of all the king's fame, built a beautiful parivena at the back of the Thūpārāma. Three baths also of clean water she caused to be built, the one at that monastery and another at the Kappagāma and the third at the Cīvāra Cetiya. And being gifted with great charity, she made a present of a flag of gold lace, twelve cubits in

* The Ruvanveli Dágoba.

† The Mirisvetiya Dágoba.

‡ The Thūpārāma, the Ruvanveli, the Abhayagiri, and Jétavana.

§ See chap. LII., vv. 50, 51.

|| The Mahā Vihāra monks, who called themselves "The Elders of the Church," and traced their line of succession from the great apostle Mahinda.

53 length, at the Hemamálíka Cetiya. And for the use of the people,
her son built a hospital within the city ; and that virtuous man
Sakka Senápati built another without the city for the use of
the brethren.

54 The king built halls also, like unto the mansions in heaven, at
55 the four viháras ; and at the end of one year after the building
thereof he held divers feasts in honour of the relics, and main-
56 tained thereby the customs of former kings. And having
performed these and other like good deeds, the king departed
this life in the sixteenth year of his reign.

57 Thereupon Sena,* a prince twelve years of age, the son of this
king by the Kálínga queen, took unto himself the dominion of
58 the kingdom. And he bestowed the high office of sub-king on
his younger brother Udaya, and he made Sena, who had been the
chief captain of his father's army, to be the chief captain of his
59 army also. And when he had departed with an army to subdue
the border, the king slew his (the chief captain's) younger brother,
60 who dwelt in his mother's house, and appointed the minister Mahá-
malla Udaya, who was obedient unto him, to be his chief captain.
61 And when Sena, the chief captain, heard thereof, he was greatly
enraged, and marched back with his army, saying, " I shall lay
62 hold of my enemies." And when the king heard thereof, he
departed and fled to the Rohaṇa, taking with him the minister
who had been as a slave unto him, and whom he regarded as his
63 saviour. But his mother went not with him, but stayed behind
with the sub-king and his queen. And she showed no anger to
64 the chief captain, but sent for him. And being thus favoured by
her, he assembled together the Tamils, and made over the country
65 to them, and went to the city of Pulatthi, and lived there. And
the king sent forth an army to do battle with the chief captain,
but he put to rout and defeated all the king's host.

66 Thereupon the Tamils, like unto Rakkhasas, began to oppress
the country, and to take by force whatever belonged unto the
67 people. And the people in their distress went up to the king at
68 Rohaṇa, and told him thereof.

Whereupon the king took counsel with his ministers and drove
away (Udaya) the chief captain from his office, and, having made
peace, with Sena, went up to the city of Pulatthi to save the religion
69 and his country. And that so he might get unto himself an heir,
he took the daughter of his chief captain to wife, who begat him
a noble son, whom he called Kassepa.

And while the king yet dwelt there, his favourites who cared 70
 not for him, seeing that they could not obtain strong drink,
 became his evil advisers. And they spake highly of the virtues 71
 thereof, and caused the king to drink of it, so that he became a
 drunkard, and was like unto a mad tiger. And then he ceased by 72
 degrees to partake of food, and died in the tenth year of his reign,
 giving up his high estate while he was yet young. Hence learn, 73
 that following after the counsels of wicked companions leadeth a
 man to ruin, and let them who seek after happiness in this world
 or the world to come, avoid the wicked man as a rank poison.

Thus endeth the fifty-fourth chapter, entitled "The Reigns
 of Three Kings," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LV.

AND when Sena was dead, the prince Mahinda,* his younger 1
 brother, raised the canopy of dominion in the noble city
 of Anurádhapura. And in that city, which was filled 2
 with people of divers races whom Sena, the general, had brought
 over, the king dwelt with great difficulty for twelve years. Now, 3
 the dwellers in the provinces neglected in those days to give the
 king his revenue, because he was a mild man and cared not to
 enforce law against them. So that in the twelfth year of his reign 4
 his wealth was well-nigh exhausted, and he could not maintain his
 army because he had not the wherewithal to give the soldiers
 their wages. So all the men of Keraḷa, who had not received 5
 their wages, came up in a body to the gate of the king's house, 6
 and sat themselves there forcibly, with their bows in their hands
 and their swords and other weapons of war, saying, "The king
 shall not eat of his meat until our wages be first given to us."
 But the king deceived them, and taking with him all the precious 7
 things that he could lay hands on, he departed secretly by
 a passage underground, and fled in great haste to the Rohaṇa.
 And he built a fortified place there in the village Sīdu-pabbata, 8
 and installed his brother's wife as queen, and lived there. But 9
 she died before long, and he raised his brother's daughter to the
 rank of queen. And she bore him a son, named Kassapa, where- 10
 upon he left the fortress in which he dwelt, and built a city in the 11

* The Fifth.

village Kappagallaka, and ruled there over the Rohaṇa for a long
 12 time. But the Keraḷas,* the Sīhalas, and the Kaṇṇāṭas† exercised
 full authority at that time in the other parts (of the island).

13 Now, a trader in horses came here from the opposite coast, and
 returned to his country and informed the king of Coḷa how
 14 things stood in Laṅkā. And when that powerful king heard
 thereof, he sent a large army hither, intending to take Laṅkā.
 15 And the army arrived in Laṅkā without delay, and, by slow
 degrees, entered the Rohaṇa, oppressing the people as they went,
 beginning from the place where they landed.

16 And in the six and thirtieth year of this king's reign they took
 the queen with all the jewels and ornaments, and the crown that
 17 was the inheritance of the kings, and the priceless diamond
 bracelet that was a gift of the gods, and the sword that could not
 18 be broken, and the sacred forehead band.‡ And, having made a
 false show of peace, they took the king prisoner in the fastnesses
 19 of the forest, where he had taken refuge through fear. And they
 sent the king and all the treasure that had fallen into their hands
 20 straightway to the king of Coḷa. They also broke into the relic-
 21 houses§ of the three brotherhoods, and took many gold images
 and things of great value throughout the country of Laṅkā and
 in the several viháras thereof. And like unto demons, who suck
 up the blood, they took to themselves all the substance also that
 22 was therein. Moreover, they stationed themselves in the city of
 Pulatthi, and held possession of the king's country even unto the
 23 Rakkhapásána-kaṇṭha place. But the inhabitants of the country
 took the young prince Kassapa, and, with great care and affection,
 24 brought him up secretly, for fear of the Choliens. And when the
 king of Coḷa had heard that the young prince had come to the
 twelfth year of his age, he sent his chief officers with a large army
 25 to take him. And they came with a great host, that numbered
 five thousand less than one hundred thousand, of mighty men, and
 put the whole of the Rohaṇa into confusion, from one end thereof
 26 unto the other. Whereupon a nobleman, Kittī by name, who
 dwelt in Makkhakudrúsa, and likewise an officer, Buddha by
 27 name, who dwelt at Máragalla,|| both men of great valour, and

* Malabars. † The inhabitants of the Carnatic, or Kaṇṇāṭis, Kaṇṇāḍis.

‡ *Chinna paṭṭikā dhātu*. The term is of doubtful meaning, but it evidently refers to the fillet worn round the forehead.

§ Literally *Relic-chambers*, which may include the Dágabas also.

|| Máragala. There is a village of this name in Aṭakalan kóralé. Some of its chiefs have a reputation for boldness and daring. The village is still a Nindagama.

well skilled in the art of war, and mightily determined to destroy the host of the Cholians, built themselves a stronghold at 28 Paluttha-giri,* and fortified it, and made war with the Tamils for six months, and destroyed many of them. And the Cholians 29 who escaped the slaughter were dismayed greatly, and fled to the city of Pulatthi, and took up their abode there as they did aforetime. And when the prince Kassapa saw the two victorious nobles, 30 he was exceeding glad, and exclaimed, "My beloved, ask of me only what shall be given you." And Buddha prayed that the 31 village which belonged to him by inheritance should be given unto him. And Kirti besought the prince that the tax should be removed, which was heretofore levied on account of the Order. And when the two noble chiefs had received these favours at the 32 hands of the king's son, they fell down at his feet and worshipped him, like brave and loyal men of valour.

The captive king, Mahinda, lived for twelve years in the 33 Cholian country, and departed for heaven in the forty-eighth year after his coronation.

Thus we see that possessions obtained during a course of sloth- 34 fulness are not abiding; so the man of sound knowledge, who desires his welfare, should always cultivate diligence with steadfastness.

Thus endeth the fifty-fifth chapter, entitled "The Spoliation of Lapká," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LVI.

THEREUPON all the Sīhalas gave the name of Vikkama Báhu to the king's son,† and upheld his authority faithfully. And this prince heaped up riches, that so he might destroy the Tamils, while at the same time he showed favours to his servants also according to their deserts. And he caused the royal jewels to be made, and the crown and the canopy and the throne also. And when the nobles besought him that he would be anointed king, he restrained them, saying, "It shall not be so to me until the king's country is reclaimed; for what profit shall there be in raising the canopy of dominion until such time?" And when he had waxed strong, he made ready one hundred thousand men. But just as he was about to begin the war he

- was struck down with a windy disease, and deferred it, saying,
 6 "Now is not the time for battle." And soon afterwards, in the
 twelfth year of his reign, he departed for the celestial city, and
 joined the company of the gods.
- 7 Thereupon Kittī, who had been appointed to the office of
 general, aimed to be king, and maintained his authority as such
 8 for seven days. But Mahálāna Kittī, a mighty man, slew him,
 9 and was crowned king, and ruled over the Rohaṇa country. And
 being defeated in the war with the Choliāns in the third year of
 his reign, he met with a violent death, having cut off his head with
 10 his own hands. Then the Tamils seized again the crown and all
 the treasure and substance, and sent them to the king of Coḷa.
- 11 At that time a certain prince of the blood, known as Vikkama
 Paṇḍu, who had fled from his country through fear, and was
 a sojourner in the land of Dulu, heard of how things stood in
 12 Laṇkā. And he went into the Rohaṇa and established himself
 13 at Kálatittha,* and ruled the country for one year. Then a
 prince, Jagatipála by name, who was sprung from the race of
 14 Rámá, came from the city of Ayujjha,† and waxing strong slew
 Vikkama Paṇḍu in battle, and reigned thereafter for four years
 15 at Rohaṇa. Him also the Choliāns slew in battle, and taking his
 queen, together with his daughter and all their substance, they
 16 sent them to the Coḷa country. And after him a king, Parakkama
 by name, a son of the king of Paṇḍu, reigned two years; but the
 Choliāns made war against him and slew him also.
- 17 Thus were these unruly men, enslaved by the lust for power,
 brought to their destruction. The man endued with true wisdom
 should therefore know these things, and set his heart on that
 which extinguishes desire.

Thus endeth the fifty-sixth chapter, entitled "The Reigns of
 Six Kings," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight
 and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LVII.

- 1 **T**HEREAFTER a general, Loka by name, of Makkhakud-
 rúsa, a brave and honest man, who subdued the pride of
 2 the Choliāns, brought the people under his yoke, and
 reigned in the Rohaṇa country. He was versed in the manners
 and customs of the country, and he abode at Kájaragáma.‡

* Kalutara.

† Ayodhya.

‡ Kataragama.

Now, at that time there lived a prince of great might, whose name was Kittī. Here shall be told, in their due order, the story of his ancestry and all that he was endued with.

There was a governor known by the name of Māṇa, a son of king Kassapa. And he was a valiant man, endued with all the virtues which adorn the conduct of good men. And he had an elder brother, Māṇavamma by name, a man of much learning and well skilled in magic. And he sat him down on the bank of the river nigh unto the Gokanṇaka sea, and made ready to practise the mantra* according to the rules thereof. And he took his string of beads and began to mutter the enchantments. And when he had made an end thereof, the god Kumāra,† it is told, appeared before him on his carriage,‡ and the peacock brake the bowl,§ and, finding the shell of the cocoanut|| dry, because the water had escaped from a hole therein, he went up and stood in the presence of the wizard. And the wizard remembered the Bhāvini-siddhi,¶ and offered his own eye to the peacock, who picked it and forthwith drank of its humours. And the god Kumāra, being well pleased therewith, granted unto the prince the favour that he had sought, and departed thence, flying radiantly through the sky. And when the nobles of the prince saw him, and perceived that an eye of his was hurt, they grieved exceedingly. But he told them of the miraculous gift that he had received, and comforted them therewith. And it delighted the nobles, and they besought him, saying, “It is meet that you should go up to the city of Anurādhapura and be anointed king.” But he refused to accept of the kingdom that was offered unto him, saying: “What good can a kingdom do unto me who am deformed of body. I will betake myself to the life of a recluse, and practise austerities. I pray you, therefore, let my younger brother Māṇa govern the kingdom of Laṅkā, which has, until now, descended in the order of inheritance.” And when the nobles had learned the desires of the prince fully, they sent men unto his younger brother to tell him of these things. And when his younger brother heard thereof, he came in great haste, and, seeing him, fell down at his feet and wept

* Mystical incantations to acquire supernatural power as directed in the Yantras.

† Skanda, the Hindu deity.

‡ The peacock.

§ *Balipattan*. The tray or bowl in which food, flowers, &c., are presented to spirits at the performance of magical rites.

|| Water is generally placed in a cocoanut shell on the altar for the benefit of the evil spirit.

¶ A course of action under certain emergencies, prescribed in magical rites.

17 and wailed greatly. And then he took his elder brother to Anurádhapura, where he crowned himself as it had been desired
 18 by him. And after this he proceeded to the Abhayagiri Vihára, and, having made obeisance to the priests that dwelt there, prayed them that they would clothe his brother in the robe of a recluse.
 19 Whereupon the ascetics, regarding not the precepts* of Buddha, took him, who was deformed of body, into the Order, and
 20 ordained him a priest thereof. Moreover, the king built for his use the great monastery, Uttarola, and made him the chief thereof,
 21 and gave him the oversight of six hundred brethren, and granted great honours and privileges unto him, together with the five
 22 classes of servants† to minister unto him. Workmen also that were skilled in all manner of works did the king give unto him, even unto the guards of the Tooth-relic, whom also he put under
 23 him. And the monks of the Abhayagiri brotherhood became his (the king's) counsellors. And the king hearkened unto their
 24 counsel and governed his people righteously. But certain who were of his family cared not to enter the church, but dwelt there according to their pleasure, and took to themselves the title of
 25 Mahásámi. And from this King Mánavamma, who was skilled
 26 in the ways of justice, and born of a pure race, the fountain of all dynasties, and of the lineage of prince Aggabódhi and his sons and grandsons, there sprang full sixteen rulers in Lapká, who governed the kingdom righteously.

27 Now, King Mahinda had two beautiful cousins, the daughters of his mother's brother. And they were known by the names—
 28 Devalá and Lokitá. And of these two daughters Lokitá was given in marriage to her cousin Kassapa, a prince of great beauty,
 29 to whom she bore two fair sons, Moggallána and Loka. And the elder of them was versed in all the ways of the world and of
 30 religion, and was known to all men as "The great Lord." He loved the Order of the priesthood also with a great love, and was a habitation of many lasting virtues. And he took up his abode in the Rohaṇa.

31 There was also a grandson of the King Dáthopatissa, who had followed the monastic life of the religion of the Blessed One. And he had much faith, and practised austerities and restrained
 32 himself greatly. But as his mind directed his thoughts to meditation he separated himself from the things of the world, and

* Among others who are disqualified from being received into the Order are those with defective limbs and organs, or otherwise deformed.

† They are, carpenters, weavers, dyers, barbers, and workers in leather.

dwelt in the forest. And his piety greatly pleased the gods of the forest, and they spread his fame abroad everywhere. And when the chief of Laṅkā had heard at that time of his great fame, he went forth to him and, when he had made obeisance to him, begged him to be his counsellor ; but he was not willing. Nevertheless the king besought him again and again, and took him with him, and made him to dwell in a stately house that he had prepared in the city. And the king was well pleased with the virtues of the holy monk who dwelt there, and walked in his counsels, and ruled over his people with justice. And whereas this merciful chief of the monks had accepted the earnest call of the chief of Laṅkā, and set out from Selantara (‘among the rocks’), and gathered together a number of monks and dwelt there, it was known to all as Selantara Samúha (‘the assembly of the monk from among the rocks’). From that time forth it was the custom with the chiefs of Laṅkā to cause the monks to pass a night in the temple of the gods, and to appoint to the chief office of king’s counsellor him whom the gods had approved. And the princes of Laṅkā, through the counsel of the monk who held the chief seat of their Order, continued to defend the country and the religion of the land.

And by the prince Bodhi, born of this self-same Dāthopatisa, the princess Buddha, who was also born of the same race, gave birth to a daughter of exceeding great beauty, Lokitá by name. And in due time they gave her in marriage to the wise and prudent Moggallána, to whom she bore four sons, the prince Kitti and the princess Mittá, and Mahinda and Rakkhita. And the eldest of these, Kitti, when he had attained to his thirteenth year was full of wisdom and valour, and possessed great skill as an archer. And he bethought himself, saying, “How shall I rid me of these thorns, my enemies, and recover Laṅkā.” And he dwelt in the village Múlasála, thinking deeply of these things.

At that time, a certain prince called Buddharāja, a mighty man and valiant, rebelled against the general Loka (Lokissara) who ruled Rohaṇa, and fled to Cuṇṇasála, and soon brought Kitti and other men there into entire subjection. And with many of his kinsfolk, who were all mighty men of war, he dwelt at the foot of the Malaya hills, where it was difficult to overcome him. And Saṅgha, the chief of the astrologers, went up to him and gave a good report of the prince Kitti, saying, “Kitti, the eldest son of the great lord, is a prince endued with many signs of future greatness, and he is full of wisdom and valour, able, I

think, even to reduce the whole of Jambudīpa and bring it under one canopy of dominion. What need is there then to
 51 speak of Laṅkā?" And when Buddharāja heard these words he bethought himself, "The prince should be supported," and
 52 having determined thereon he sent messengers unto him. And when that lord had heard the words of the messengers, he fearing that he might be hindered, departed secretly from his house, unknown even to his parents, with his bow only as his
 53 companion. And being full of valour and of a high spirit, he saw divers good omens, and made haste to Sarivaggapiṭṭhi, and
 54 dwelt there. And from thence the valiant prince sent his men to Bodhivāla, and gained the people there who were opposed to
 55 his party. Whereupon the haughty general Lokissara sent his army thither, and encompassed the village and made war against
 56 it. But the prince, who was a great warrior and a man of tried valour, scattered all that host on every side, like unto a fierce
 57 wind scattering a ball of cotton. And seizing the opportunity, he set out to Cunṇasāla, and dwelt there and subdued the whole
 58 country. But Lokissara sent his army against him several times, and was greatly disheartened because he could not subdue him.
 59 Now, at that time, a very mighty man, Devamalla by name, a son of Kiṭṭi, the noble of Makkha-kudrūsa,* came from the
 60 Rohaṇa with many of his kinsfolk and a large number of people, and stood before the prince with great devotion. And the prince, who was now fifteen years of age, and had a good understanding and a great name, thereupon girt his sword and took the title of
 62 governor. And this great and mighty man went to the Hirañña-malaya† country, and encamped at Remuṇsela. And (Lokissara) the general sent an army against him there also, and made war upon him. But as he met with no success, he gave up the
 64 thought of making war again. And at that time, in the sixth year of his reign, he left this world, and went to his rest in the world to come.

65 Thereupon one Kassapa, the chief of the Hair-relic, overawed
 66 the people and maintained his authority in the Rohaṇa. And when the king of Coṣa heard thereof he set out from Puḷatthi, and went to Kājaraḡama ready to battle. But Kesadhātu scattered the Tamil hosts, and set men to guard the boundary at
 68 Rakkhapāsāna,‡ and returned to Kājaraḡama surrounded by his

* *Vide infra*. Chap. LV., v. 26. † 'The golden hills'—Ratnapura (?).

‡ Rakvāna (?).

great army and filled with pride at his success in the battle. And when the governor Kittī heard of these things, he made 69 haste and gathered together an army to destroy Kesadhātu, who, 70 when he heard thereof, was filled with pride and set out with all his forces from Kájaraḡama, and went forward to Sippatthalaka. But the prince, whom it was hard to subdue, 71 gathered together a great many men from the Pañcayojana* and the country thereabout, and took them into his army. But when he drew near to battle, Kesadhātu retreated to Kadhirañ- 72 gaṇi, saying, "It is difficult to give battle here," because he had heard there were many men evil-disposed toward him in those parts.

Whereupon the brave Prince Kittī, who was then only sixteen 73 years of age, made haste to Kájaraḡama with his great army. 74 And the chief Kesadhātu, who had possessed the Rohaṇa for six months, was enraged thereat, and went forth to give him battle 75 at once. But the mighty hosts of the prince fought valiantly, and smote off the head of Kesadhātu.

Thus did this prince, whose fame and glory were spread on 76 every side, and who was skilled in conciliation and the other means of acquiring power and authority, free the whole country of the Rohaṇa from the thorns of enemies in the seventeenth year of his age.

Thus endeth the fifty-seventh chapter, entitled "The Subjugation of the Enemies in Rohaṇa," in the Mahāvapaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LVIII.



HEREAFTER that prince who held the office of sub-king, and was skilled in governing, was known throughout the land by the name of Vijaya Báhu. And he was a man of great wisdom, and appointed his nobles unto offices which suited them, and caused his authority to be proclaimed by beat of drums. And he lived there (in the Rohaṇa) employing the four stratagemst of war with great cunning for the destruction of the Cholians, who forcibly held the king's country.‡ And when

* Pasdun kóralé.

† I.e., sowing dissension, sudden attack, negotiation, and buying off.

‡ Pihiti, or the northern portion of the Island, whereof Anurádhapura and Polonnaruwa were the chief cities, was at this time called Raja-rāṭa, or 'the king's country.'

these things had come to the ears of the king of Coḷa, he sent an army against the prince, under his general who then dwelt in the city of Pulatthi. But the prince fled from Kájara^{gáma}, when the general came nigh unto that place, and took refuge in a fortress on the hills, because he knew it was hard to overcome him. Whereupon the general laid waste the city, and returned to his country as he could not continue there.

Then the great governor made haste from the hills and occupied Sippat-thalaka.

Then the sub-king sent men to the king of the Rámañña country with many presents of great value. Whereupon divers ships arrived at the port, laden with cloths of many kinds, camphor, sandalwood, and other things, of which this mighty prince made gifts unto his fighting men, and himself dwelt thereafter at Tammalagáma.

And they that dwelt in the king's country being now at variance with each other, all the people went not up and paid the full revenue. They who stood against the king of Coḷa scornfully set at nought his authority and vexed the officers of revenue, and did as it pleased them. And when the king of Coḷa heard thereof, it provoked him to anger, and he sent a large army under his own general. And he landed at Mahátittha, and made a great slaughter of the people in divers parts of the country, and brought them that dwelt in the king's country to subjection under him. And from thence this austere man went up by slow degrees to the Rohaṇa, and spread his army throughout the country like unto a sea that had burst its bounds. And Ravideva and Cala, two mighty men, turned against the king, and submitted themselves to the Coḷa general, who, when he saw the great hosts that followed them, thought that the whole of Rohaṇa would straightway fall into his hands. But in the eleventh year the sub-king* built himself a fortress at Paluṭṭhapabbata† with the intent that he might subdue the Cholians. And the army of the Cholians encompassed it throughout, and a terrible battle ensued between the two hosts. But the king's fighting men utterly destroyed the army of the Tamils as they fled before them. And they pursued the general of the Cholians, and took him at the village Tambaviṭṭhi with all his chariots and carriages and all his treasures. And they cut off his head, and

* *I.e.*, the sub-king Vijaya Báhu, who is also called Mahádipáda in v. 7.

† Puluṭṭupána.

showed it to the king with all the treasures that they had taken, saying, "Now is the time for thee, O king, to go to the city of Pulatthi." And the ruler of the land hearkened unto his nobles 23 and set out for the city of Pulatthi with a great army. And when 24 the king of Cola was informed of these things he waxed exceeding wroth. And as he desired greatly to take the king captive, this 25 valiant king (of Cola) went up to the seaport himself and sent a greater army than before to the island of Lapká. And when 26 the lord of Lapká heard thereof he sent his general with a great army to give battle to the Cholians. And he encountered them 27 on the way near Anurádhapura, and fought a great battle with them. But many of the king's men fell in battle, insomuch that 28 the inhabitants of the country went further under the yoke of the Tamils. Whereupon the ruler of the land left the city of 29 Pulatthi, and made haste and reached Villikábāṇa and dwelt 30 there, gathering together his army, after that he had destroyed the two officers that had the charge of that country. And when 31 it was told him that the governor of the Cholians pursued him, he, who knew well how to take advantage of the times and the occasions, went up to the rock which was called Vátagiri, and 32 built a fortress near the foot of the rocks, and made war for three months, and drove back the Tamils.

Then the younger brother of Kesadhātu,* the chief who had 33 fallen in the former battle, having gained over a large number of men and raised a great host, bethought himself of his brother's 34 death, and, being filled with anger thereat, raised the whole of the Guttahálaka in rebellion (against the king). Whereupon the 35 chief of Lapká made haste thither and encamped with a great army at a place called Maccutthala, and drove him in battle from 36 his stronghold at Khadiraṅgaṇi. And, continuing the war, he drove him also from his position at Kubulagalla, whence he fled, 37 leaving his wife and children, his army, and much treasure also, and made haste and entered the country that was held by the Cholians. Thereupon the chief of men took all that had been 38 left there, and went to Tambalagáma where he built himself a new fortress; and he then went up by degrees and abode in the 39 city called Mahánágakula, and busied himself there in gathering an army to make war against the Cholians.

Then the king called unto him two officers of great might, and 40 sent them southward to subdue the people of that country. He 41

* See chap. LVII., v. 65 *et seq.*

sent two great officers also, men hard of heart, along the highway by the sea to destroy the pride of the Cholians. And the two mighty officers who had been sent southward took the following places: the stronghold Mahunnaruggāma, Badalat-thala, the fortress Vápinagara, Buddhagāma, Tilagulla, Mahágalla, Maṇḍa-galla, and Anurádhapura. These they took the one after the other, bringing the people under their authority, and in process of time reached Mahátittha. The two officers also who had been sent along the highway by the sea laid waste the fortresses at Chagāma and divers other encampments, and in due course came nigh unto the city of Pulatthi, and sent messengers unto the king, saying, "It is meet for thee, O king, that thou shouldst come hither quickly." And when the lord of the land, who had watched his time, heard of the wonderful deeds of valour that had been done by the officers who had been sent in the two directions, being well versed in the art of war, made haste and joined all his forces together and departed from the city where he was, with the intent to root out the Cholians from the country. And proceeding by the river, the chief halted his army nigh unto the Thúpa at Mahiyangana, and tarried there for some time. Then, watching well his opportunity, he boldly marched nigh unto the city, and encamped himself there strongly. Then many of the Cholians who dwelt in divers parts of the city, who were bold and cruel men, flocked together to give battle at the city of Pulatthi; and the Cholians went out of the city and fought a great battle. But they were routed, and fled back into the city in great confusion, and having shut all the gates thereof they climbed the walls and towers, and desperately continued the terrible fight; and the king's great host encompassed the city round about and prolonged the fight for six weeks, but succeeded not in taking it. And Ravideva and Cala,* and many of the strong and mighty heroes of this great king, warriors of high spirit, climbed the walls of the city and entered it by force, and made a great slaughter of the Tamils, and utterly destroyed them. And the king Vijaya Báhu having thus gained the victory by reason of his great foresight, caused his authority to be proclaimed throughout the city by beat of drums. And the king of the Cholians having heard of the destruction of his hosts, sent not any more men to Laṅká, saying, "Now are the Siphalese powerful."

* These warriors appear to have returned to their allegiance after their revolt. See *infra*, v. 16.

Thus did this brave and glorious king utterly destroy the power 59
of the haughty chiefs of Coḷa, and having firmly established his
authority over the whole of the king's country, enter the coveted
city of Anurádhapura with great joy in the fifteenth year of his
reign.

Thus endeth the fifty-eighth chapter, entitled "The Advance
towards Anurádhapura," in the Mahávaṃsa, composed equally
for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LIX.*



AND for the protection of Lapká the king appointed faithful 1
chiefs who were warriors of great repute, and set them in
divers places around, having (before) instructed them in
their duties. And for the feast of the coronation he commanded 2
the officers to make ready a stately building, together with all the
other things that were necessary. And after he had passed 3
three months in worshipping at the various holy shrines about the
place, he went back to the city of Pulatthi.

Now, a captain of the army, known by the name of A'dimalaya, 4
openly showed himself an enemy of the king, and taking all his 5
forces with him, this man of little wisdom went up to the village
A'ndu, nigh unto the city, with the intent to make war. But the 6
chief of Lapká made haste thither and utterly defeated the
haughty man, and subdued his forces, and returned to the city of
Pulatthi. And this great and wise man caused it to be written 7
that the full time during which he had ruled as sub-king was
seventeen years.

Thereafter the king, who was well skilled in ceremonies, went 8
to Anurádhapura, and held the great festival of the coronation
according to the custom. And being firmly established on his 9
throne, because he stood not on evil ways, but grounded himself
firmly on great deeds, the king caused a record to be made of the
eighteenth year of his reign.

And from thence he came forth and dwelt in the beautiful city 10
of Pulatthi, known to all men by the name and title of Sirisaṃ-
ghabodhi. To the office of sub-king he appointed his younger 11
brother Vira Báhu, and, according to the custom, gave him the
southern country, and dealt generously with him. Moreover, he 12
bestowed the office of governor on his younger brother Jaya Báhu,

- 13 and gave to him the Rohaṇa country. To all his nobles also he
 gave offices according to their merits, and gave orders that taxes
 14 should be raised in the country according to equity. Justice,
 which had been long neglected, did the lord of the land, who was
 like unto a habitation of mercy founded in righteousness, cause
 to be administered according to law.
- 15 And it came to pass that while this chief of men employed
 himself continually in ordering the welfare of Laṅkā, after he
 had rooted out all her enemies that were like unto a heap of
 16 thorns, the three brethren—namely, the chief bearer of the
 canopy,* the chief of the house of justice,† and the chief of the
 17 company of merchants‡ —became enemies to the king, and fled to
 the continent of India. And returning together in the nineteenth
 18 year of the king's reign, they soon turned the Rohaṇa and the
 Malaya country, even the whole of the southern part of the
 19 island, from their allegiance to the king. Whereupon this
 active king hastened to the Rohaṇa and the Malaya, and destroyed
 20 in divers places all those who were against him; and having
 thoroughly pacified the country and placed officers over it, he
 went up himself, elated with success, to the southern country
 21 with a great army, and then sent into the field an officer born of
 his wife's brother's race.§ And this hero took his enemies
 22 captive in a bloody battle, and impaled them; and having thus
 delivered Laṅkā from its thorn-like enemies, and freed it from
 danger, he returned to the city of Pulatthi.
- 23 Now, the queen of Jagatipāla, who was a captive in the kingdom
 of Coḷa, escaped from the hands of the Cholians with her royal
 24 daughter Līlāvati. And they made haste and, entering into a
 ship, landed in the island of Laṅkā and appeared before the king.
 25 The chief of men then listened to the story of her birth
 and lineage, and having satisfied himself of the purity of her race,
 26 anointed (her daughter) Līlāvati as his queen. And she con-
 ceived and bare him a daughter, unto whom the lord of the land
 27 gave the name Yasodharā. And the king gave his daughter,
 together with the land of Merukandara, unto Vīravamma, to

* *Chattagāhaka-nātha.* † *Dhammagehaka-nāyaka.* ‡ *Seṭṭhi-nātha.*

§ The original *Samani-bhātu-vaṇsaja* = Sanskrit *Śramani-bhātri-vaṇsaja*, is of doubtful meaning. It may mean what I have translated, or, as the Sinhalese translators have rendered, 'born of the Samani-bhātu race,' taking Samani-bhātu as the name of a certain race. Śramāṇi in Sanskrit means a handsome woman, and the term may not be inappropriately applied here to one of the king's wives. Turnour renders it "his trusty brother, who was as illustrious in descent as himself."

whom she bare two daughters. And the elder of the twain had 28 the same name as her mother's mother (Lilāvati), and the other was called Sugalā.*

There dwelt at that time a princess of exceeding beauty and 29 delicate form, born of the race of the kings of Kalinga, whose name was Tilokasundari. And the king being desirous to 30 prolong and establish his race, sent forth and brought her hither from the country of Kālinga, and anointed her as his queen. And she bore these five daughters, Subhaddā, Sumittā, Loka- 31 nāthā, Ratanāvali, and Rūpavati, and a son Vikkama Bāhu, who 32 possessed all the signs of good fortune. And she gained the king's heart, because she had begotten him a goodly number of children. And none other in the houses of the king's palace 33 conceived a child in the womb for the king, save women of equal rank.

And one day the king, when he was in the midst of the 34 assembly of his ministers, beheld all his daughters as they stood beside him in order (according to their age). And being 35 skilled in divining by bodily signs, he perceived on none of 36 them save Ratanāvali the signs of giving birth to a son, who would be great and prosperous hereafter. And, being moved by much affection towards her, he called Ratanāvali unto him, and when he had kissed her head, he softly spoke, saying, "This 37 damsel's shall be the womb which shall conceive a son who by 39 his glory, and liberality, and wisdom, and valour, shall surpass all kings that have been before him or that shall come after him, in that he would deliver Laṅkā from the fear of her enemies and bring her under one canopy of dominion, and be the protector of her religion, and adorn her throne with his many virtues."

And the king, who prided himself in his race, gave not his 40 younger sister to wife unto the king of Coḷa, even though he had entreated him often. But he sent forth and brought hither a 41 prince of Paṇḍu, born of a pure race, and bestowed on him his younger sister, the princess Mittā. And she bare three sons, 42 Mānābharaṇa, Kittisirimegha, and Siri Vallabha. And the 43 princess Subhaddā did the lord of the land give unto Vīra Bāhu to wife, and Sumittā unto Jaya Bāhu, with great pomp. Unto 44 Mānābharaṇa he gave his daughter Ratanāvali, and unto the prince Kittisirimegha gave he the princess Lokanāthā. And 45

* This was the lady who subsequently fought hard for the independence of Rohaṇa, but was subdued and led captive to Polonnaruwa by Parākrama Bāhu's general. See chap. LXXV.

after the death of his daughter Rúpavati he gave unto Siri Vallabha the princess Sugalá.

- 46 Now, three princes, kinsfolk of the queen, by name Madhu-
 47 kanṇava, Bhímarája, and Balakkára, came hither from Sīhapura.
 48 And the king saw them and was filled with great joy, and gave
 49 unto each of them wherewith they might live according to their
 50 rank. And they lived according as it pleased them, gaining the
 51 goodwill of the lord of the land from whom they had received
 many favours and benefits. And the king gave Sunári, the
 youngest sister of these princes, unto his son Vikkama Báhu to
 wife, being desirous to establish his race. And to increase the
 prosperity of his family he gave afterwards the princess Lílávati*
 also to wife to Vikkama Báhu with a great portion.
- Thus did this chief of men, who possessed great riches in
 abundance, and was full of loving-kindness, strive after the
 welfare of his kinsfolk in the paths of justice.

Thus endeth the fifty-ninth chapter, entitled "The Patronage
 (of Relations)," in the Mahávap̄sa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

NOTE A.

TURNOUR has translated this chapter (see his translation, Appendix V.) "as a specimen of the style in which a subsequent portion of the Mahávap̄sa is composed by a different author," and that "he might draw attention to another instance of the mutual corroboration afforded to each other by Professor Wilson's translation of the Hindu historical plays and this historical work." It may not be out of place, therefore, to subjoin his translation here, although it contains several grave errors, almost amounting to a distortion of facts, which may be attributed partly to the incorrectness of his manuscript text. A comparison of the two translations with the text will clearly show where the mistakes occur.

TURNOUR'S TRANSLATION OF THE FIFTY-NINTH CHAPTER.

He (Wijayabáhu) for the security of Laṅká (against invasion) placed trustworthy chiefs at the head of paid troops, and stationed them round the sea-coast. On the proper caste he imposed the task of making the requisite repairs and embellishments to the palace and other public edifices (at Anurádhapura), in order that he might celebrate his inauguration; and having during a period of three months assembled

* She as well as Sugalá (v. 45) appear to have been his granddaughters.
Vide vv. 27, 28.

there and exacted allegiance from all the provincial chiefs from whom allegiance was due, departed for Pulatthinagara.

A certain "Andúti" chief, previously known in the Malaya division by the name of Balanayako, in his infatuation, announced himself in the most public manner an uncompromising enemy to the ruler of the land ; and collecting the whole of his forces, approached, with hostile intent, a village in the suburbs of the capital. The monarch of Laṅkā hastening thither, and completely extirpating that faction, returned to Pulatthinagara, and incorporated that force with his own.

This wise and virtuous prince, when he held the dignity of sub-king for seven years, causing to be recorded the *..... ; and thereafter having repaired to, and observed, at Anurádhapura all the prescribed state forms, and celebrated his inauguration with the utmost pomp, occupied himself in the exercise of his royal prerogatives.

He caused it to be registered, as a record to be perpetually preserved, that the period during which he was involved in sinful acts (in warfare) and had devoted himself to pious deeds (in the peaceful administration of his kingdom) amounted (then) to eighteen years.

Departing from thence, he established himself at Pullatthinagara, and became celebrated under the title of Sirisanghabódhi. Assigning to his younger brother Wirabáhu the office of sub-king, and placing him in the administration of the southern division, he duly supported him. The monarch, conferring also the office of "ádipádo" on his younger brother Jayabáhu, placed him over the Rohaṇa division ; and having bestowed on all his officers of state appointments proportioned to their merits, he took steps for defining relationships (and pedigrees) in the kingdom.

This just and benevolent monarch re-established the administration of justice, which had been neglected for a long period, on the most equitable principles.

While this sovereign was thus, in the full exercise of his royal power, eradicating those foes who, like unto thorny bushes, had possessed themselves of Laṅkā, the Chhatagáhákanáthó, the Dhammagéhakanáyako, as also the Setthinátho, who were three brothers, becoming hostile to the rája, flying from him, repaired to the Jambudipó. After the lapse of nineteen years they returned to Laṅkā. All these persons quickly seduced the Rohaṇa as well as the Malaya division, and all the southern provinces, from their allegiance. The accomplished warrior (Wijayabáhu) hastened to the Rohaṇa and Malaya divisions, and slaughtered great numbers of the disaffected inhabitants in those parts. Having thoroughly subdued (those districts) and placed them under the

* The meaning of the omitted word cannot be ascertained, as there is no Commentary to the Maháwapsa subsequent to the reign of Maháseno.

administration of loyal officers, this experienced and powerful (rāja) himself repaired to the southern provinces ; sending into the field his trusty brother also, who was as illustrious in descent as himself ; and having then secured his implacable enemies, impelled by resentment as mortal as " Máro " (Death), indiscriminately impaled them ; and having thoroughly established order in Laṅká, which was overgrown with the thorns (of disorder), returned to his capital, Puṭatthipura.

The (ex-) queen named Líláwátí, the consort of Jagatipáló, who had been (carried away captive during the Cholian interregnum and) detained in the kingdom of Chóla, making her escape from her Cholian captivity, together with her royal daughter, embarked in a vessel ; and expeditiously reaching Laṅká, presented herself to the monarch. The sovereign having inquired into her pedigree, and knowing that family was of illustrious descent, raised her to the station of queen-consort. This queen bore a daughter unto the rāja. The supporter of royalty conferred on her the name of Yasódhará. The rāja bestowed this daughter, together with the province of mountains and torrents (Malaya) on Wírawammo. She gave birth to two daughters : of these two daughters, the eldest was named Samaná, she was as bountiful as the earth ; the younger was called Sugalá.

This rāja, intent on the perpetuation of the line from which he was himself descended, caused (also) to be brought from the kingdom of Kálinga a daughter of the reigning monarch of Kálinga, named Tilókasundari, lovely in person, and most amiable in disposition, and installed her (likewise) in the dignity of queen-consort. She had five daughters, viz., Subhaddá, Sumittá, Lokanáthá, *Ratnávali*, and Rúpawati ; and a son named *Wakkamabáhu*, endowed with the indications of eminent prosperity. She so entirely captivated and engrossed the rāja's affections, that among all the ladies of his palace none but her, who was as illustrious in descent as himself, could succeed in becoming *enciente* to him.

At a subsequent period, on a certain day, while surrounded by his ministers, he assembled his daughters, and ranged them in order according to their seniority. Overlooking the other daughters, this (monarch), who was versed in fortune-telling, fixed his gaze on *Ratnávali*, who, he discerned, was endowed with the signs of good fortune and with a womb of fecundity. Overpowered by the impulse of his affections, clasping her to him, and kissing her on the crown of her head, he poured forth these endearing expressions : " Her womb is destined to be the seat of the conception of a son, who will be supremely endowed with the grace of dignity, as well as with benevolent and charitable dispositions ; with firmness of character, and energy in action ; with the power of commanding the respect of men, and of *controlling all other monarchs* ; he will be destined also to sway the regal

power, by reducing *Lapká*, which will be overrun by foreign enemies, under the dominion of one canopy ; and blessed will he be with all prosperity.

The *rāja* refused to bestow his daughter, who was the pride of his race, on the reigning king of Chola, who earnestly sued for her ; and sending for a prince of the royal family of *Pāṇḍu*, which was already connected with his own, married him to his younger sister, the princess *Mittá*. She gave birth to three sons, *Mánábharano*, *Kitti Siriméggho*, and *Siriwallabhó*. The ruler also wedded, in great pomp, *Subhadá* to *Wirabáhu*, and *Sumittá* to *Jayabáhu*. He bestowed *Ratndwali* on *Mánábharano* and *Lókanáthá* on *Kitti Sirimégghó*. Of his remaining daughters, he bestowed the one named *Rúpavati*, as well as the princess *Sugalá*,* on *Siriwallabhó*.

At that period there were three royal princes, the relations of queen *Tilókasundari*, who had come over from *Síhapura*, whose names were *Madhukannawo*, *Bhímarāja*, and *Balakkáro*. The ruler of the land having received them, and become favourably impressed with them, conferred on them, severally, stations worthy of them. All these three persons, in the full enjoyment of royal favour, and entirely possessed of the confidence of the monarch, resided where they pleased. Bent on the preservation of the purity of his house, he bestowed on his son *Wikkamabáhu*, *Sundari*, the younger sister of this princess ; and, devoted to the interests of his house, he subsequently also gave unto (his said son) *Wikkamabáhu* the amiable princess *Líláwati* with a suitable provision.

Thus this monarch, endowed in the utmost perfection with all regal prosperity, and blessed with a benevolent disposition, seeking the advancement of his own connections, regulated his government on principles conducive to their aggrandisement.

The fifty-ninth chapter in the *Malávanso*, entitled “The Patronage (of Relations),” composed equally for the delight and affliction of righteous men.

CHAPTER LX.



AND the king chose him men from all the great families according to custom, and set them to guard his person. 1

And in the city of *Pulatthi* he built a strong wall of great height, and ornamented it with plaster work, and protected it with towers built thereon, and with a deep moat round about it of great length and breadth, so that an enemy could not easily break through it. 2 3

* The granddaughter is here called a daughter.

- 4 Moreover, the king, being minded to establish the religion, and
 5 seeing that the monks were less in number than that required
 6 for performing the rite of ordination, sent messengers with gifts
 7 to the Rámañña* country unto his friend the king of Anuruddha.
 8 And when he had brought from thence monks, elders of the
 9 church, who were endued with great piety and virtue, and were
 10 well skilled in the Piṭakas, this chief of men made offerings unto
 11 them of great value, and caused monks to be enrobed and to be
 12 ordained in great numbers. And the Three Piṭakas, with their
 13 commentaries, he caused to be read always, so that the religion
 14 of the Conqueror, which had been darkened throughout Laṅká,
 15 began now to shine forth.
- 9 He caused also a great many viháras of exceeding beauty to
 10 be built in divers parts within the city of Pulatthi, and caused
 11 monks of the three brotherhoods to dwell therein, and satisfied
 12 them greatly with the four things that were necessary for a
 13 monastic life. And as he was wholly devoted to the three
 14 sacred objects, he built a vihára, and embellished it with a gate
 15 of pillars and a wall and a moat, and adorned it with a noble
 house of five stories. He varied it also with fine rows of dwell-
 16 ings round about it, of great beauty, and an excellent spacious,
 17 shining gate, which was always full of people. And when he
 18 had built this vihára he gave it unto the monks who dwelt in
 19 the three brotherhoods. Moreover, he dedicated thereto the whole
 country, Aḷisáraka, together with the chiefs of the people who
 20 dwelt there, that so the monks might obtain cooked food for
 themselves. He caused many hundreds of monks to dwell there,
 and provided them always with great offerings of the four things
 needful for a monastic life.
- 16 He made also a beautiful sanctuary of great value for the
 17 Tooth-relic, and held a great festival daily in honour thereof.
 18 And he shut himself every morning against his people, and made
 a translation of the Dhamma Saṅgaṇi within the beautiful hall
 19 of preaching. He was wont also to make divers offerings of
 perfumes, flowers, and other things, with dancing and the like
 thereof, and to bow down his head and to worship the great
 20 Buddha with much devotion. And as he was a generous giver,
 he delighted many wise men from India by making gifts to them
 without any distinction.

* The Provinces situated between Araccan and Siam.

To those also who preached the sacred doctrine he made divers 20 offerings, because he loved the goodness thereof, and caused them to discourse thereon. Three times did he cause alms to be 21 given to the poor, equal in value to his weight in the balance ; and the sabbath day he observed in a very holy manner. The 22 Daṇḍissara* alms gave he also every year, and caused the Three Piṭakas to be written and given unto the Order of Monks. And 23 many times honoured he the great Bodhi of India, by sending gifts thereto of gems and pearls and precious things.

Now, there came unto this country messengers from the king 24 of Kaṇṇāṭa and the king of Coḷa, bearing rich gifts ; and the 25 king saw them and was greatly pleased therewith, and did unto them both what was needful. Of the two bodies of messengers 26 he first sent back those that came from Kaṇṇāṭa together with his own servants, carrying gifts of great value for the king of Kaṇṇāṭa. But when the Siphalese messengers arrived at the 27 dominion of the king of Coḷa he cut off their ears and their noses in anger, and utterly deformed them.

And the men who had thus been brought to ugliness returned 28 and told the king of all that the Cholian had done unto them. And the king's anger was greatly kindled, and he went into the 29 midst of the assembly of his ministers, and sent unto the Tamil messengers, and gave this message unto them to be delivered unto the Cholian, saying, "Set we apart our armies in either 30 island and make a trial of the strength of our arms in single combat between us in the midst of the ocean, or, if it please thee better, 31 let us array our armies in battle, either in my kingdom or thine, according as it pleaseth thee, and let the strife be there." (And then he turned and spake to the messengers, saying,) 32 "Remember that ye deliver this my message to your master the king in the self-same words that I have uttered it." And when he had thus spoken, he caused the messengers to be clad in women's apparel, and sent them with all speed to the Cholian 33 king ; and himself took his army and set out for Anurādhapura.

And he sent the two captains of his army to Mattikāvāta-tittha 34 and Mahāthittha, that they might go to the Coḷa country and carry on the war. And when these captains were making 35 ready ships and provisions for the army that was to be sent to the Coḷa country for the war, in the thirtieth year of the king's 36

reign, the forces that were called Velakkáras* wished not to go
 37 thither, and rebelled like unto furious elephants, and killed both
 the captains, and laid waste the country round about, and took
 38 the city of Pulatthi. Being puffed up with success, they took
 also the king's sister captive with her thrée sons, and hastened
 39 and burnt the king's palace with fire. And the king (who then
 dwelt at Anurádhapura), made haste and departed from the city
 for the southern country, and placed all his treasures in the
 40 mountain Vátagiri. And together with Vira Báhu, the sub-king,
 who was full of courage like unto a lion, and with a mighty host
 41 of fighting men that followed him from all sides, he returned to
 the city of Pulatthi and gave battle, and speedily drove away the
 42 rebellious hosts that came against him. And he took the chiefs
 of the rebellious forces to the pyre where the remnants of the
 43 bones of the two captains were lying, and tied them firmly to posts
 with their hands behind their backs, and burned them with fire,
 44 the flames whereof blazed all around. Moreover, the king laid
 waste the lands of the haughty nobles who dwelt there, and thus
 wholly delivered the soil of Laṅká from the thorns of danger.

45 Furthermore, the king forgot not the resolve that he had made
 to fight the Cholian king, and made ready an army in the five
 46 and fortieth year of his reign, and marched with it to the seaport
 47 and abode there for some time awaiting his approach. But,
 seeing that the Cholian king came not thither, he sent messen-
 gers unto him, and returned to the city of Pulatthi and dwelt
 there a long time.

48 And he repaired the tanks Maháheḷi, Sareheru, Mahádattika,
 49 Kaṭunnaru, Paṇḍavápi, Kallagallika, Eraṇḍagalla, Díghavat-
 50 thuka, Maṇḍaváṭaka, Kitta, Aggabodhipabbata, Valáhassa,
 51 Mahádáragalla, Kumbhila-sobbha, Pattapásána, Káṇa; and
 many others also, of which the bunds had been destroyed, he
 caused to be constructed out of his great desire for the welfare of
 52 the poor. And so that the water might be retained of the
 torrents that flowed from the mountains and of the rivers and
 streams, the lord of the land built embankments also in divers
 53 places, and made the country to abound with food. He built also
 the bund of the channel Tila-vatthuka, which had been breached,
 and thus filled the Maṇihíra tank with water.

* This name occurs several times in the following chapters. I believe it is the name of a body of mercenaries employed by the Singhalese kings at this period.

And he caused his own queen to be deprived of all honour and 54
privileges, and to be seized by the neck and cast out of the city 55
because that she had hindered the customs which had always
been observed without restraint in the viháras. And by this
means did he obtain the forgiveness of the great Order of Monks,
and thus proclaim to the world his great regard for the Order.

He built also the Dhátugabbhas at Mahágáma that belonged 56
to the three fraternities, which the Cholians had destroyed, as also
those at the two Thúpáramas.

And at the cremating place of his mother, and also of his 57
father, he built five large dwelling-places for monks, and the like
he did also at Budala-viṭṭhi.

And he made repairs to the viháras Paṇḍavápi, Páthína, Rak- 58
khacetiya-pabbata, Maṇḍalagiri, Madhutthala Vihára, Uruvela 59
Vihára at Devanagara, Mahiyangana Vihára, Sítalagáma-lenaka,
Jambukola Vihára, Girikaṇḍaka, Kurundiya Vihára, Jambuko- 60
laka-lenaka, Bhallátaka Vihára, Paragámaka, Kásagalla, Can- 61
dagiri Vihára, Velagámi Vihára, the vihára at the village 62
Mahásena, and the Bodhi-house at the city of Anuráhapura.
Thus did the king bring into repair these viháras and many 63
others also, and he granted lands unto them each by each.

And saying, "Let no man endure hardship who goeth along 64
the difficult pathway to make obeisance at the foot-print of the 65
Chief of Sages on the Samanta-kúṭa rock," he caused the
village Gilímalaya, that abounded in rice-fields and other land, to
be granted, wherewith to supply them with food. And on the 66
Kadalígáma highway and the Húva* pathway he built resting-
places, and gave lands unto them each by each, and caused it to 67
be inscribed on a stone pillar, saying, "Let no lord of the land
that cometh hereafter take them away." To the monks that 68
dwelt in monasteries made for their benefit he gave the village
Antaraviṭṭhi and the village Saṅgháta and the village Sirimaṇ-
ḍagalla; and to those that lived according to the rule he gave 69
the four things needful for a monastic life. To their kinsfolk
also he gave lands for their support. And in the winter he 70
caused the Order to be furnished with cloaks and fire-pans and
divers drugs in abundance. And being a man gifted with great 71
understanding, many a time did he give unto them befittingly all
the things that were needful for a monastic life, as well as the
eight ordinary requisites. Those villages also, many in number, 72

73 that were given by former kings wherewith to procure cooked food for the monks who dwelt in monasteries built for them, and the lands that were given to those that busied themselves with the work of conducting offerings to the shrines and other places, yea, all those lands that were in the Rohaṇa, did he confirm as
74 before without abatement. This mighty man gave bulls also for the use of cripples, and out of his great compassion he gave rice for ravens, and dogs, and other beasts

75 And he was a great poet, and gave to many men who made songs wealth in great plenty with gifts of land, that they might
76 possess them from generation to generation. And when the sons of the king's ministers rehearsed before him the songs that they had made, he gave them gifts of money according to their
77 merits. To the halt and the blind he gave lands to be possessed by each ; and he took not away that which had been granted
78 aforetime to the Deválayas. To well-born women that were helpless by becoming widows he gave lands and food and raiment according to their necessities.

79 And the king, who was much skilled in making songs in Siphalese, became the chief of the bards among the Siphalese.

80 And Vira Báhu, the sub-king, who was much bound to all that was good, rebuilt the Cetiya at the Baddhaguna Vihára that the
81 Choliáns had destroyed, and, being a cheerful giver, he afterwards gave lands of great value to that superior vihára, and caused
82 offerings to be made thereat continually. It was even he who built, in the forest that was hard by, a tank of great strength,
83 and plentifully supplied with water. And Yasodhará, the king's daughter, caused a large image-house of great strength and
84 beauty to be built at the Kappúramúláyatana Vihára. And at the Selantara-samúha Vihára the king's own wife caused a
85 beautiful palace to be built, very lofty and delightful. In those days also many ministers of the kingdom and many of the king's household amassed to themselves great merit in divers
86 ways. And when the chief of Lapká ruled the land in this wise, the sub-king, a man of great sobriety, was subdued by the
87 terrible hand of death. And when the king had fulfilled all the things that were necessary to be done (on his account), he bestowed the office of sub-king on Jaya Báhu, with the consent
88 of the monks, and after that the office of chief governor on Vikkama Báhu. And when in process of time a son was born
89 unto him, called Gaja Báhu, the king, being mindful of the welfare of his sons, took counsel with his great ministers, and

gave unto him the whole of the Rohaṇa, and sent him thither to dwell there. And he departed thence and made Mahánāgahula 90 the chief city of his province, and sojourned there.

Thus did Vijaya Báhu, the ruler of men, hold the reins of 91 government without any fear in his hands for fifty and five years more ; and when he had improved the religion of the land and the country, which was sore distressed by the wicked Tamils, he ascended up to heaven as if to behold the great reward arising from his good deeds on earth.

Thus endeth the sixtieth chapter, entitled "The Patronage of the State and Church," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXI.

THEN Mittá, King Vijaya Báhu's sister, with her three sons, 1
and the chief officers of State, and the monks who dwell 2
in the (eight) chief vihāras—even all of them—caused 3
no information of the king's death to be conveyed to Vikkama 4
Báhu, the chief governor, who then dwelt at Rohaṇa, but took 5
counsel together, and with one mind anointed the sub-king, Jaya 6
Báhu, king over the kingdom of Laṇkā. And they all trans- 7
gressed the ancient customs and ways, and appointed Prince 8
Mānābharaṇa to the office of sub-king. And the three brethren, 9
the eldest of whom was Mānābharaṇa, joined themselves unto 10
the king Jaya Báhu, and forthwith seized and took possession 11
of all the jewels that were considered of great value, even all the 12
pearls and precious stones, and of the vehicles and elephants, and
such like also. And, taking the whole army with them, they set
out from the city of Pulatthi, saying, "We shall soon take
Vikkama Báhu captive." And when Vikkama Báhu heard these
tidings, he exclaimed, "Woe is me that had no opportunity to
render my last respects unto my father ! But now will I go to
the city forthwith and behold the spot where his body was burnt,
and ease me of the great sorrow that weighs on my heart." And
when the governor had thus determined strongly within himself,
he set out from the city with great resolution, taking with him
a company of seven or eight hundred fighting men. But while
he was yet hastening on his way, he met the great force that was
coming, prepared for battle, at the village Panasabukka in the

13 division of Guttahāḷaka. And he, being the only brave man in
 14 his company who knew no fear, fought against them and drove
 15 them forthwith on every side. And the three brethren who were
 16 discomfited there were roused with pride, and quickly prepared
 17 another army, and gave battle in a place called A'dipádaka-jambu.
 18 But he defeated the three of them a second time also. And a
 19 third time did he defeat them at Kaṭagāma, and a fourth time at
 20 Kālavāpi, and a fifth time at Uddhana-dvāra, and a sixth time
 21 at Paṅkavelaka. And after he had thus battled with them, and
 22 always attained the victory, he went up to the city of Pulatthi
 23 with his officers and all his followers. And when he had seen
 24 the place where his father was buried, as he had aforetime
 25 determined, he was relieved of his great grief and was comforted
 26 in spirit. And he abode in the city, and gave unto his officers
 27 and to all who had been friendly unto him in the time of his
 28 distress, all manner of wealth and offices, to each man according
 29 to his merits. And to all his fighting men who had come with
 30 him he gave fitting reward, remembering how they had been
 faithful to him in his troubles.

21 In the meanwhile also, the sub-king Māṇābharaṇa with the
 22 rest of his brothers brought the southern district and the Rohaṇa
 23 country under their yoke; and after that, he gave unto Kitti
 24 Sirimegha the country of twelve thousand villages,* and
 25 commanded him to dwell there. Whereupon Kitti Sirimegha,
 26 the chief of the people, went thither and dwelt in the city
 27 Mahānāgasula, being commanded thereto by his brother. And
 28 to the prince Siri Vallabha he gave the country called Aṭṭha-
 29 sahassa,† and commanded him to dwell there. Likewise he also
 30 went thither and made the village Uddhana-dvāra his chief city,
 and dwelt there and governed the country. But Māṇābharaṇa
 himself departed to the southern district together with his army,
 and dwelt in the village Puṅkhagāma, being known to all men
 by the name of Vīra Báhu. Now, at that time, the king Jaya
 Báhu (who had been routed in battle) and the mother of the
 three brethren abode with Kitti Sirimegha.

28 Then when a year had passed, Māṇābharaṇa and the rest,
 29 remembering always the great and lasting defeat and shame
 which they had suffered in battle from Vikkama Báhu, were
 30 roused with a great desire for vengeance, and they said to them-
 selves, "How doth this man, who hath not been anointed king,

* Giruwāpattu or Giruwādolodāha? † Aṭakalap and Kolonnā Kóralés?

venture to enjoy the king's country, which belongeth by right only to those whose heads have been duly consecrated?" And being thus carried away beyond measure by envy, they gathered unto them followers, and joined themselves again together to make war. And when the spies of Vikkama Báhu had made known unto him these tidings, he went against them into their own country at the head of a large army, and gave battle at the village Bodhisena-pabbata, which is in the southern country, and defeated the three brethren; and communing thus within himself, saying, "Now shall I root out all mine enemies," he pursued the enemy hotly as they were fleeing. But they took refuge in the hiding-places of the country of Pañca-yojana,† and Vikkama Báhu made haste and entered Kalyáni with the intent to take them captive.

Now, at that time, a certain valiant and furious man, named Víradeva, who was born in the country of the A'ryas, and was chief of the Paḷandípa, landed at Mahátittha with mighty men, thinking that he could take possession of Laṇká. And when tidings thereof were brought to King Vikkama Báhu, he thought thus within himself: "Let everything be rooted out till there shall be no place left in Laṇká for the invaders;" and so he departed from Kalyáni and came up to the village Manuára, which was nigh to Mahátittha.

And Víradeva did battle with the king and slew Anṣkaṇḡa and others, and the two brothers, the king's sons, and Kittí, the chief of the army, and many others also who were numbered among the valiant men. And he took the commander Rakkhaka alive, and when he had routed the king and his army, he pursued him hotly. And the king fled in terror and came to his own city, and taking what treasure he could find, went straightway to a fortress in the middle of the country abounding with storehouses.§ And Víradeva pursued after him, and returned to the city and abode there a few days. Then he went up quickly (into the strong places of the country) to take Vikkama Báhu. But the valiant Vikkama Báhu sent his great hosts against him, and caused them to give him battle. And he slew Víradeva in a fortress in a great marsh at the village Antaraviṭṭhika; and having thus become the lord of his people, he dwelt in the city of

† Pasdun Kóralé.

§ *Koṭṭhasdra* a place of security abounding with stores of grain.

Pulatthi and governed the king's country, although he was not anointed king.

48 Thereafter the three brethren abandoned their desire for war, and went everyone to his own country, and dwelt there as before.
 49 Nor were these four lords of the land able to bring the country
 50 under one canopy, even though they strove hard thereto. And because they were imprudent they degraded the nobles and
 51 appointed base men in their places, such as they chose. These foolish men gave no heed to religion, neither cared they aught for their subjects whom the king Vijaya Báhu had prospered in
 52 divers ways. The possessions of honourable men also they took away by force, even though there was no fault to find in them.
 53 And, for their avarice and covetousness, they oppressed their subjects and levied grievous taxes from them, yea, even as the mill extracts juice from the sugarcane.

54 Moreover, the king Vikkama Báhu seized the lands that were dedicated to Buddha and for other holy purposes, and
 55 bestowed them on his servants. To the strangers that fought for him he gave divers viháras in the city of Pulatthi that were
 56 adorned with relics, that they might dwell therein. The gems and other precious things, the offerings of the faithful unto the Almsbowl-relic and the sacred Tooth-relic, took he also by force,
 57 as also the perfumes of sandal, aloes-wood, and camphor, and a great number of images of gold, and did with them as it pleased him.

58 Whereupon the brethren of the eight chief viháras, whom the
 59 people regarded as fathers, and the Paṇṣukūlika brethren that belonged to the two sections, seeing the evil that was being done continually to the religion and the people of the land, were sore
 60 grieved thereat, and, taking counsel together, said, "It were better that we should depart from the presence of those who, like the Titthiya unbelivers, work so much evil to the religion of the land."
 61 And so they took the sacred Tooth-relic and Almsbowl-relic of Buddha and went to the Rohaṇa, and abode wheresoever they found
 62 it convenient for them. Likewise they who were of households of high repute scattered themselves everywhere in convenient places,
 63 and lived as if they were concealing themselves. The chief men also, who had been set over the boundaries by the kings of both parties, fell out among themselves, and made war on each other
 64 continually. They burnt down many rich villages and made cuttings in tanks which were full of water, and in divers other
 65 ways destroyed all the conduits and dams, and hewed down

cocoanut trees and other serviceable trees also. And being at 66
 enmity with one another, they so laid waste the country that
 villages and ancient places could not be recognised. These kings 67
 brought evil also upon their people by causing their hired
 servants to wander about the land, plundering the villages and
 robbing on the highways. The servants and labourers also of 68
 the great men of the land, fearing nothing, defied their masters, 69
 and, because they were in the favour of the kings and received
 offices from them, armed themselves with weapons and waxed 70
 very powerful. And the inhabitants of Samanta-kūṭa and many
 other strongholds gave not unto the kings the taxes that were 71
 paid in former times, but, heeding not their kings, they waxed
 rebellious and lived in their own places, puffed up with pride.
 So that it might be said of the whole country of Lapkā (from 72
 north to south and from east to west), "They who love ruin and
 destruction are wandering over the land."

Thus lived these lords of the land, transgressing all the 73
 established customs of the country. Like greedy owners of the
 land they were always cruel. Their hearts were wholly bent on
 evil. They felt not the dignity of kings; and though placed
 in high offices of trust, wherein they might seek their own good
 and the good of others, yet lacked they even noble ambition.

Thus endeth the sixty-first chapter, entitled "An Account of
 the Lives of Four Kings," in the Mahāvap̄sa, composed equally
 for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXII.

AND it came to pass that King Jaya Báhu* and his queen 1
 Mittá died while they yet dwelt at Rohaṇa; and Sugalá, 2
 the wife of Siri Vallabha, gave birth to two children,
 namely a son, Māṇábharāṇa, and a daughter, Lílávati. Likewise 3
 the queen Ratanávali,† the consort of Māṇábharāṇa, had two
 daughters, Mittá and Pabhávati. And the chief governor Víra 4
 Báhu (Māṇábharāṇa), seeing that he had only two daughters (and
 no sons), thought in this wise: "We who are descended from the 5
 pure race of the Moon, which is considered by the whole world

* Ex-king.

† Daughter of Vijaya Báhu (see chap. LIX., vv. 34—39) and wife of
 Māṇábharāṇa, who is also called Víra Báhu.

6 as the head of the generation of all kings, are indeed placed in
 a very enviable position, being full of all power and might, expert
 in various arts, and skilful in the management of horses and
 7 elephants. Nevertheless, we three (brothers) have been again
 and again defeated and humbled in battle by Vikkama Báhu,
 8 even by him singly; and yet there seemeth not any likeli-
 hood of the coming to us of a son, who would be able to wipe
 9 off this stain. Alas, how grievous is our lack of fortune! What
 doth it profit me a kingship stained with the reproach of the
 10 world! Now, therefore, it seemeth good that I should give up
 my attachment to the pleasures of State, and spend my days
 diligently in the performance of good deeds." Having thus
 communed with himself, he gave up all the business of the
 11 kingdom to his ministers, and lived there (in quietness) for
 seven or eight months. And one day, wrapped in serene thought,
 after keeping the holy precepts, he lay down to sleep in the
 12 temple of the king of the gods.* And lo! in the early hours of
 the morning the king saw in a dream an angel of great majesty,
 13 arrayed in gorgeous apparel, adorned with scents and flowers,
 of exceeding great size, like unto the sun that has ascended up
 to the sky, making every side radiant with the glory of his body.
 14 And he spake unto the king, saying, "Hail, lord of the land,
 who art favoured by fortune! Rejoice and be exceeding glad.
 15 For ere long there shall be born unto you a noble son, endued
 16 with marks of greatness, able to accomplish all his desires, refined
 17 in mind, whose glory and dominion will be spread throughout
 the vault of heaven, resplendent with power and fame and glory,
 a mine of virtue, and one who shall raise up his people and the
 religion of the land. Now, therefore, arise and go quickly into
 18 the city where thy wife and thy children dwell." Thereupon the
 chief of men awoke with a feeling of great joy, and when the
 19 dawn succeeded the night he returned to Puṇkha-gáma. And
 the king told the pleasant dream, just as he had seen it, to the
 20 queen and to his ministers. And he lived with his queen,
 expecting a son of great renown, and heaped up good deeds
 of divers kinds by bestowing alms and observing the precepts
 of religion.

21 And again it came to pass that one day while it was yet dawn,
 22 he saw in a dream a lovely young elephant, tame and wholly
 white, and endued with every mark of beauty. And it seemed

to him as if he were leading it fondly into the bedchamber of his queen. Having seen this, he awoke and rose from his 23 stately bed, and, with a heart full of pleasure and joy, entered 24 the queen's bedroom at that very instant, and told her the dream just as he had seen it. Thereupon the queen spake to 25 him and said, "I also have seen in a dream a young elephant 26 like unto it, walking round my bed, and I caught him by his trunk and drew him up to my bed and fondly embraced him." Having told each other all that which they had seen, they 27 remained awake until the break of day. And in the morning, 28 when the household Brahman came to minister, and the sooth-sayers also, they (the king and queen) inquired of them (the meaning of the dream); and when they heard the dreams they were glad, and interpreted them saying, "Of a surety there 29 will be born to you ere long a son richly endued with marks 30 of good fortune." And when the king and his ministers and the citizens heard this (interpretation), they all joined in a great 31 festival of joy. From that time forth the king looked for the promised favour, and caused many prayerful blessings* to be pronounced on him by the Order of Monks. And he daily gave 32 away, in divers ways, unto the poor, at the gate of charity, gifts of exceeding great value, such as gems, pearls, and the like. He also caused Brahman priests, who were versed in the Vedas 33 and Vedaṅgas, to perform the religious rites, such as Homa† and the others that were regarded as acts that bring blessings on men. Moreover, he appointed the king's workmen to repair 34 the viháras and relic-chambers that had been much decayed and the tanks that had been ruined. And thus, while the king 35 was spending his days in the performance of good deeds, a noble child was conceived in the womb of the queen. And the king, 36 having been informed thereof, rejoiced, and was exceeding glad, and took great care of her during the period of her pregnancy.‡ And when the full time of her delivery had come, she brought 37 forth a son at a lucky hour when the stars were favourable. And straightway every region of the country was filled with 38 gladness, and sweet and gentle and cooling winds blew everywhere; and the courts of the palace resounded with the 39 trumpeting of the elephants and the neighing of the horses, and

* Paritta.

† Oblations to the gods.

‡ *Gabbha-parihāra*. This is probably the same as the *Garbha-lambhana* and other rites of the Grihya rules.

40 were filled with great noise and confusion. And when King
41 Mápábharaṇa beheld the various marvels that had been mani-
fested unto him, he stood amazed ; but when it was told him,
soon after, of the birth of his son, he was filled with a fulness of
joy, even as if he had been anointed with the oil of immortality.
42 He then ordered a great many captives who were shut up in prison
to be set free, and caused alms to be given in great plenty
43 to Monks and Brahmans. And the inhabitants of the city, led
44 by the king's ministers, adorned the whole capital with arches of
plantains and in divers other ways, and, attired in their best
robes and ornaments, they kept up a great and joyous feast
45 for many days. Moreover, the king, having observed all the
46 ceremonies regarding the prince that were connected with the
birth of children, in the manner set forth in the Veda, sent
unto the household Brahmans and others who were skilled in
divination by signs. And when he had treated them with much
47 kindness and respect, he commanded them to examine the signs
on the body of the prince. And they examined all the signs
on the hands and feet and other parts of the prince's body
with great care, and then, in the presence of the ministers that
48 were assembled together, with great joy they declared thus
49 unto the king and queen : " This prince hath power to subdue
not only the island of Lakṣá, but even the whole of India under
the dominion of one canopy, and to enjoy it withal." Then
50 when he had again gratified them with presents and shown
them kindness, the king questioned them further, whether there
appeared any evil whatsoever that might happen to the child.
51 And they answered and said, " The prince will have a long life ;
but there is a conjunction of stars that of a certainty meaneth
52 evil to the father." Thereupon the king gave unto the child
the name of Parakkama-Báhu, which signified that he would
have an arm endued with strength to humble his enemies.
53 And as he had a knowledge of rites and ceremonies, he caused
the due performance of the feast of boring the ear and the feast
of feeding the child with rice to be held according to the custom,
54 and sent his messengers unto the king Vikkama-Báhu at
Pulatthi to convey unto him the tidings of the birth of his son.
55 And Vikkama-Báhu, having heard from them about the great good
fortune that was foretold concerning the son of his fair sister,
and the evil that was in store for the father of the child, spake
56 these words : " He hath begotten unto me a fortunate nephew,
who will be like a sparkling central gem in the chain of kings

beginning with Vijaya. Let the prince therefore grow up here, 58
 even with me, so that no evil befall him. For this my son
 Gaja-Báhu is nowise able to acquire that which he has not
 gotten, or to retain that which he has got. And Mahinda, my 59
 other son, although he possesseth valour and other virtues, is
 not meet to succeed me in the kingdom, being inferior in rank
 on his mother's side. Therefore, of a surety shall my nephew 60
 become the heir to my kingdom, which teemeth with riches
 that have been heaped up by me." And, with his mind full of 61
 such thoughts, he sent messengers with presents of princely
 ornaments and other valuable gifts to fetch the young prince.
 And the king Vira-Báhu (Mánábharana) having heard every- 62
 thing from the mouth of the messengers, said unto himself:
 "The words that he hath spoken are the words of truth and
 wisdom, intended to profit me; nevertheless it doth not behove 63
 me to part with a son begotten of my body, that so I may turn
 aside the evil that impendeth on me. Moreover, if the prince 64
 be removed thither (to Pulatthi) the party of Vikkama-Báhu 65
 will, like a fire that burneth stronger before a fierce gust of
 wind, shine forth with an exceeding great blaze of glory, and
 our house will of a surety suffer, in every wise, a great loss."
 Having pondered thus within himself, he withheld his son from 66
 the messengers that came to fetch him, and dismissed them
 after that he had gladdened their hearts with gifts of great
 value.

And that lord of men (Mánábharana), while he dwelt there 67
 in peace and harmony with his wife and his children, was smitten
 with a severe disease, and quitted his body and kingdom together.

Thus endeth the sixty-second chapter, entitled "The Birth of
 the Prince," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight
 and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXIII.

THEN the two other brothers, having heard of the death of 1
 their eldest brother Mánábharana (Vira-Báhu), made
 haste each from his own country, and caused the last
 funeral rite to be performed. And Kitti Sirimegha took posses- 2
 sion of his elder brother's country, and calling his younger brother 3
 gave unto him the two other countries, and commanded him to
 dwell there. So he (Siri Vallabha) hearkened to the request of

4 his elder brother, and went to the city Mahānāgakula with the
 queen Ratanāvali and her two daughters, and lived there peace-
 5 ably; and when the ceremony of the tonsure had been performed
 6 on the prince, he brought him up with great care. Thereafter,
 being desirous of giving the queen's eldest daughter Mittā to
 wife unto his son, he took counsel with his ministers, saying,
 7 "It is indeed true that princes sprung from the race of Kālinga
 have, more often, attained to the sovereignty of this island again
 8 and again. Now, should the queen (Ratanāvali) secretly send
 9 her daughter to be given to wife to Gaja-Bāhu, who is of the
 house of Kālinga, he would wax stronger by the marriage, and
 10 this my son would utterly become helpless. Wherefore, if this
 princess be given unto my son to wife, then of a surety shall
 11 prosperity attend us." And the queen, who was an ornament of
 the race of the Sun, having heard all these things, wished not to
 12 agree thereto, and spake these words unto the king: "When the
 prince Vijaya slew all the evil spirits and made this island of
 Laṅkā a habitation for men, from that time forth came the race
 13 of Vijaya to be allied to us, and we gave not in marriage save
 14 unto those born of the race of Kālinga; and so long as there
 15 remain princes born of the race of the Moon, how can an alliance
 take place between us and this prince, who is only known unto
 16 us as an A'ryan, albeit born of you?" Nevertheless, even
 though the queen withstood him in divers ways, he forcibly gave
 17 the princess to his own son* to wife; and thenceforth, walking
 in the footsteps of his wife who was distinguished for her
 manifold virtues, he gained the goodwill of all the people, and
 lived with his father.

18 And it came to pass that Vikkama Bāhu died after he had
 enjoyed the kingdom for one and twenty years, and passed away to
 the other world according to his deeds.

19 Then Gaja-Bāhu took possession of the rich kingdom filled
 with troops and chariots, and abode in the city of Pulatthi.
 20 And the tidings thereof having reached the ears of the kings
 Kitti Sirimegha and Siri Vallabha, they took counsel with each
 21 other in this wise: "It seems no disgrace to us that Vikkama-
 Bāhu, by reason of his seniority and for divers other reasons, had
 22 assumed the office of chief king; but, surely, it is not meet that
 we should look on complacently while his son, the young prince,

taketh upon him the government of the chief kingdom. There- 23
 fore it is right that we should wrest the kingdom from him
 before his throne is established." Thinking thus within them- 24
 selves, they spread disaffection throughout the whole Velakkára 25
 army* by distributing money among it. And so it came to
 pass that, save a few of the servants who were in the king's
 favour, the inhabitants of the land were displeased with king
 Gaja-Báhu, and sent secret messengers in many ways unto the
 two kings, saying, "We who are all of one mind will strive 26
 to gain the kingdom for you, if you would only help us." There- 27
 upon the two brothers made haste and got ready each his own
 army and invaded Gaja-Báhu's country on both sides, and sent 28
 messengers unto him (calling on him to give up the kingdom).
 Then king Gaja-Báhu assembled all his ministers and took
 counsel together. And they resolved in this wise: "The whole 29
 Velakkára army hath openly rebelled, and the two kings have
 invaded our country (on two sides) ready to give battle. If, 30
 therefore, we should first speedily crush the stronger of them,
 the other could be dealt with afterwards." And when he had 31
 thus determined he (Gaja-Báhu) took with him all his forces
 and materiel of war, and went against Siri Vallabha to give 32
 him battle. And Siri Vallabha also fought fiercely in battle, even
 from the morning unto the evening; but he could not overcome 33
 him in the least, and he ceased therefore to fight and hastened
 back to his own country. And the king Kitti Sirimegha also, 34
 having been discomfited by Gokaṇṇa, an officer of Gaja-Báhu,
 went to his own country. And the king Gaja-Báhu suffered no 35
 loss whatsoever in this war, and went back to the neighbourhood
 of the city, and, after he had punished many great chiefs who
 had showed themselves traitors to him and restored peace to 36
 the country, he entered his own city.

After that time these three kings lived, each in his own country, 37
 in friendship with each other.

Thereafter, Parakkama-Báhu, the son of the king (Māṇá- 38
 bharaṇa, or Vira-Báhu), having increased in wisdom and prac-
 tised himself diligently in various arts, and being wise to discern 39
 the things that should be done and the things that should not
 be done, and being gifted with lofty ambition and great good
 fortune, was not tempted by the pleasure of living with his 40
 mother's sister, nor was he enticed by the pleasures of youth.


* A body of mercenary soldiers.

41 So he thought thus : "How can the sons of kings, like unto
 42 us, who are endued with courage and other virtues, dwell in the
 43 borders of a kingdom such as this? Even now, therefore, shall I
 go to the land of my birth, which should be the heritage
 44 of a sub-king." And then he departed with his retinue and
 came in due course to the country called Sankhatthali. And
 Kitti Sirimegha having heard that he had arrived there, thought
 45 in this wise : "Now is my grief allayed, and the loneliness of
 my heart in that I have not a son to inherit my kingdom.
 46 Blessed am I that I can now always behold, as it were, my
 eldest brother in his son, who is even his own image." And
 being moved by such pleasant thoughts, the king caused the
 beautiful city to be adorned with arches and in divers other
 47 ways, and on a day when the moon and the stars were considered
 favourable he went to meet him, accompanied by a great
 48 multitude of men of might. And when he had beholden the
 prince, who was gifted with exceeding rare virtues and with a
 49 grace of form, he was filled with delight, and tenderly embraced
 him and pressed him to his bosom, and oftentimes kissed the crown
 50 of his head. And in the presence of all the people he shed
 51 tears of joy without ceasing, and when he had mounted a beautiful
 chariot with his nephew, he proceeded to the city, filling every
 52 quarter with the noise of drums ; and after he had shown the
 sights of the city to his brother's son, he entered the royal palace
 with him.

53 Then the prince received a retinue of footmen, cooks, and
 servants of divers kinds, and dwelt in ease and comfort in the
 house of his father's brother, who was pleased with him for his
 many virtues.

Thus endeth the sixty-third chapter, entitled "The Journey to
 the City of Sankhatthali," in the Mahāvansa, composed equally
 for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXIV.

1 ND when he had arrived at the country of his birth,
 which was his heart's desire, the prince had his object
 fully accomplished, and he was freed from all anxiety.
 2 And with the help of a higher wisdom, solid like unto a diamond,
 3 he quickly gained a knowledge of divers arts and sciences. In
 religion, in the various systems of laws such as Kocalla and the

like, in the science of words, in poetry, including collections of synonyms and the art of planning stories, in dancing and music and riding, in the use of the sword and the bow, and in such other arts did he perfect himself exceedingly, because he had been thoroughly instructed therein. He always dwelt with his uncle, comporting himself reverently towards him, and conforming his conduct to his desire. At that time the king, being much pleased with the affection, good manners, and other virtues unceasingly manifested by his nephew, lived with him as with a beloved friend, and in divers ways enjoyed with him the pleasures of the park, sports on the water, and other pastimes, and travelled about with him in divers parts of the country. One day (in the course of the king's travels) he came nigh unto a village named Badalatthali, where Saṅgha Senādhipati dwelt, a man of might, strongly devoted (to the king's cause), and who had been set to guard the boundary of the king's dominions. This general, having heard thereof, caused the village to be decorated tastefully, and having gone forth to meet the king and his nephew, bowed down and stood before them. Thereupon both the father and the nephew* spake kindly to him, and, having been much pressed by him, they went to that village. And the king sojourned there a few days, and sent unto the general and spake these words unto him: "My son (nephew) has even now attained his age and is fit for the rite of investiture.† Therefore it is meet that great preparations should be made for that end." And the general having heard these words, straightway made all preparations for the feast. The king thereupon first made great offerings, such as scents, lamps, and flowers, to the three Sacred Objects for three days, and concluded the ceremony as became the grandeur of the occasion with the help of Brahmans who were versed in the social laws contained in the Vedas; and then, with his ministers and the prince Parakkama, he commenced to enjoy the great sports and pastimes of (the season of) spring. Now at this time the king, Kittī Sirimegha, having heard from 18

* All throughout the narrative the nephew is called 'son' (*putta*) and the uncle 'father.' According to Eastern usage, a nephew calls his father's brother 'big-father' or 'little-father,' as the case may be.

† *Upanayana*: the investiture with the sacred thread of the Brahmans, Kshatriya, and Vaiśya classes, which take place respectively from eight to sixteen, from eleven to twenty-two, and from twelve to twenty-four years of age.

the messengers who had arrived from the Rohaṇa of the death of
 19 his brother Siri Vallabha who dwelt there, and the succession
 to the kingdom of Māṇábharaṇa, and also of the birth of a
 20 son, Siri Vallabha, to the queen Mittá,* was filled with exceeding
 21 great grief at the death of his brother, but was comforted
 22 by the tidings of the birth of a son to Mittá. But
 he stopped the sports of the season, and, having left the general
 Saṅkha there, departed for the city of Saṅkathali with his
 23 nephew. And he lived happily there with the prince Parakkama
 24 for one year, when Māṇábharaṇa's second wife, Pabhávatī, brought
 25 forth a son who was named Kittī Sirimegha. Then the king
 Kittī Sirimegha having heard thereof, was exceeding glad,
 and exclaimed, "Our house has indeed become great!"
 26 And the prince, who was destined by the exceeding great
 merits of his former births to enjoy the dominion of the island of
 27 Laṅká without a rival, valued not, even as much as grass, the
 28 great lovingkindness shown to him by his father, as to a dear
 friend, nor even the faithful services done to him by a great many
 29 officers of state; but, being anxious speedily to make the whole
 island graceful by bringing it under the canopy of one dominion,
 30 thought within himself in this wise: "This island is not very great
 31 in extent, although it is highly considered by reason of its being
 32 the repository of the relics of the Teacher's hair, collar-bone,
 neck-bone, tooth, alms-bowl, and of the foot-print shrine, and the
 branch of the sacred Bodhi, and the four and eighty thousand
 divisions of the body of the law, which are like unto the Supreme
 Buddhas themselves: (it is likewise highly prized) by reason of its
 being a mine of divers kinds of precious stones, pearls, and other
 33 things of great value. Nevertheless, could not the three kings,
 my ancestors, nor my uncle bring it by any means under one
 34 canopy of sovereignty. They divided the land among themselves
 and possessed it in portions, thinking that by so doing their work
 was complete; they lacked ambition to become anointed kings,
 35 as had been the custom in their royal house, but were contented
 therewith, and busied themselves in husbandry, like village
 landlords, each holding authority over his own portion of the
 36 kingdom. And of these men, save my younger father, the rest

* The eldest daughter of Ratanávali, queen of Māṇábharaṇa. See chap. LXIII., v. 6. She was forcibly given in marriage to Siri Vallabha's son, also called Māṇábharaṇa, v. 16. Siri Vallabha's son, Māṇábharaṇa, appears to have taken to wife both Mittá and Pabhávatī, the daughters of Ratanávali.

of the three kings have passed away according to their deeds. Alas! even the most highly favoured life of man in these days 37 is but short. Children, young men, old men,—all these, in their 38 due course, must yield to death. And although this is the law of Nature it is never acknowledged by men. But princes like 39 unto us should, in every way, renounce the love for a body that is so corruptible and feeble, and that is despised by those who set their minds on what is solid. Yea, rather should we set our hearts on an 40 enviable body of glory that will endure for ever. Moreover, there 41 are written, in the Ummagga Jātaka and many other books, the great deeds of courage done by the Bodhisatta; in the Rāmāyaṇa, 42 Bhārata, and other profane stories, the valour of Rāmā, the slayer of Rāvaṇā, as well as the feats of strength displayed in the field 43 of battle by the five sons of Paṇḍu who slew Duiyōdhana* and the other princes; in the story of the epics,† the wonderful deeds 44 of Dussanta‡ and of the other kings who distinguished themselves in the olden times in the war of the gods and the demons, and also the power of the wisdom shown by the chief Brahman, 45 Cānakka, who destroyed the princes of the Nanda race. Yea, all 46 these things that have come to pass in this world have indeed been heard throughout the world, even unto this day, although the doers thereof are not nigh unto us now. Verily, they have profited 47 by their lives who, in this world, have done such deeds of surpassing greatness. And if I, who am born of a princely race, would 48 not do a deed worthy of the heroism of kings, my life would be of none avail. They (the heroes of olden times) have surpassed 49 me in one thing,—in that they had the blessing of a long life; but in what respect are they better than me in point of wisdom and other virtues?” And when he had thought thus, he pondered again in this wise: “The king, my father, is now at the point of 50 death, and if it should so happen that the kingdom which belongeth to him should fall into my hands, and that my mind, being drawn 51 away by the pleasures of the office of king, should fall away into habits of carelessness, then would not my heart’s desire be fulfilled, and then would my loss be great indeed. But if I 52 remain where I am, and send my spies to spy out the real state of the upper provinces, and if their report satisfy me not as to the 53

* The eldest of the Kaurava princes and the leader of the war against his Pāṇḍava cousins. The story forms the subject of the Mahā Bhārata.

† *Itihāsa-Kathā*.

‡ Dussanta, a prince of the Lunar race. Sk. Dushyanta.

54 weak points in the enemy's country, then shall all those men who
 are assembled round about me set forth before me in divers
 ways only the greatness of the enemy's strength. They will
 55 then say unto me: 'The three kings, your fathers, who each ruled
 a separate kingdom, joined together and waged a great war seven
 56 times, and yet they found it difficult to reduce the country. How
 then can it be conquered by a youth who ruleth over but one small
 57 kingdom? It is therefore meet that you should banish from your
 mind the foolish thought that it is an easy thing to subdue the
 58 chief kingdom.' Such words like heated nails would they drive
 into my ear, and exalt in divers ways the greatness of the upper
 59 provinces. But never, in truth, shall I believe all the words of
 these foolish men, who speak not knowing the true state of things.
 60 I shall therefore depart straightway, on some pretence, to the
 opposite province, and shall ascertain myself the condition of that
 country." Having thought thus, he again pondered to himself in
 61 this wise: "But if the king my father should know of this
 62 resolve of mine, he might stop the journey through love of me,
 fearing lest, by going to the enemy's country, evil should befall his
 63 son who would add lustre to his noble house; and then my heart's
 desire will in no way be fulfilled. Therefore, it is better that I
 should depart in disguise."
 64 Thereafter this skilful prince, who lacked not cunning and
 knew how to take advantage of fitting occasions, found the oppor-
 tunity one night when his father knew not of his intended journey,
 and stole out of the house and departed.

Thus endeth the sixty-fourth chapter, entitled "The Departure
 to the Upper Provinces," in the Mahāvansa, composed equally for
 the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXV.

1 **A**ND no sooner had he proceeded, with only his arms
 for his companion, than there arose before him a blast
 2 of conch shells. And the prince, who was skilled in
 divining by signs, heard it, and was glad thereat, regarding it as
 3 a sign that his desire would speedily be fulfilled. Then the
 brave prince, like unto a lion in courage, departed from the
 4 city without the knowledge of the guards who were posted in
 different places, and made haste and travelled over a distance of
 5 five leagues on the road, and arrived at a village known as

Piliṅvatthu, which was not far from the village Badalatthali. For he had before ordered his men to assemble there and to wait on the road for his arrival; but when he found that only a few of those who had received the command had come, the prince exclaimed, "What! Are these the only men who are come?" And they answered him, saying, "What is this that our lord speaketh,—he who hath an understanding of all the ways of the world, who feeleth not the fear of death? Our lord seemeth to be yet but a child, and his mouth smelleth like as of milk! Surely thou hast not any separate property of thine own that thou hast acquired; neither is there any other store of materiel to help thee in this enterprise. And who, we pray thee, are thy followers, save us who have been long accustomed to thee, and whose faith in thee remaineth yet steadfast? There is one thing, moreover, to be considered: for who knoweth what punishment the king, thy father, will mete out to us (for having joined thee in this matter)? Then, again, there is the general Saṅkha, and he dwelleth on the borders of the king's country, and is a man of great might and valour. And other enemies have we yet to encounter; and being few in number, our hearts are sore troubled, distrusting each other greatly. And lo! the dawn is close at hand (and the light of day will betray our journey)." Thus they spake, and one by one made known the fears with which their hearts were troubled. And when the dauntless prince had heard their words, he smiled pleasantly and looked at their faces, and said: "What a strange thing it is that all these men who have followed me so long know me not yet, and are filled with alarm!" Then, in order that he might calm the fear which had taken possession of them, the lion-like hero spake unto them with a loud voice like that of a lion, saying, "Let alone all men: while I hold a weapon in my hand, what can Sakka himself, the chief of the gods, do, even though his anger were kindled? These foolish thoughts have arisen in your minds only because you think that I am too young! What! have you not heard that it is power and authority that should be considered, and not age? Behold, now, I have thought of doing one deed, on this very day, that shall make the men of my country and those of other countries fear and regard me, and that will drive away your fears; yea, when this night is past, at the dawn shall I show that act of the highest wisdom, might, and valour; and if there be any fear in you that my father's men will stop my journey, go you forward before me." And when he had

25 spoken to them in this wise, the valiant prince was inspired by a
26 strong resolve, and departed from that village taking his weapons
with him, and, like unto the disc of another sun that had arisen
in the west that it might eclipse the orb of the sun that stood
on the top of the eastern mountain, he spread forth a glory
which made the eyes of his people to beam with joy like unto
clusters of blooming lotuses, and came to the village Bada-
latthali.

27 And when the general (Sapka) was awakened by the blast of
the conch-shell of victory, and when he had heard that the prince
28 had come thither, he went forth to meet him with a large number
of followers. And when he had been received kindly, he bent his
head reverently to the ground to perform the customary obeisance,
29 whereupon the prince's soldiers, thinking that he should be put
to death forthwith because he would be of no assistance to
30 them hereafter, looked up into the prince's face. But the prince
considered that it was unmanly to put one to death in whom
was found no fault, and that punishment could be inflicted if
31 he should act against him ; and having, therefore, restrained his
soldiers by a sign, the lion-like prince took the general by the
hand, and spake kind words unto him and accompanied him to
32 his mansion. The general then thought thus within himself :
33 " This prince's journey must have been made without the
knowledge of the king. Until, therefore, I can learn the truth
thereof, I must keep his followers apart, so that they may have
34 no access to him ; let the prince only abide in my house." And
the general did so, and, in order that he might deceive the noble-
minded prince, he showed him great hospitality, and meanwhile
35 sent messengers to the king. And when the prince had been
36 informed of the deception that had been practised by the general,
he thought thus : " Now, if I remain indifferent in this matter and
do not the thing that should be done, then surely will my object
not be accomplished. Therefore must this man be first of all put
37 to death forthwith." So he commanded his followers and caused
the general to be slain ; and then there was a great uproar, and
38 a cry arose, saying, " The general is slain." Thereupon a certain
39 soldier, who had spent his life in the service of the general, ran
furiously with his sword in his hand towards the prince, who
was standing alone, saying, " Why has my master been killed ? "
40 But when he looked at the prince, he trembled through fear,
and, being unable to stand before him, fell down at his feet.
41 But before the prince had time to say " Seize him," an

attendant who stood hard by slew the soldier. But the prince 42
 was angry thereat, and said, "He hath done an unlawful act,
 inasmuch as he did it without my order." And he caused him
 to be duly punished; and by merely frowning, put an end to the 43
 great tumult that then arose. Thereafter the bold and valiant 44
 prince, who regarded glory as the greatest wealth and fame as
 the most solid substance, and who knew well how to reward
 valour, gave leave to all his soldiers to possess themselves of
 the exceeding great wealth that had been acquired by the general,
 according to their desire.

Thus endeth the sixty-fifth chapter, entitled "The Slaying of
 the General," in the Mahāvap̄sa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXVI.

THIS greatest of far-seeing men then thought thus to 1
 himself: "Now, if I should depart hence this very day
 to accomplish my desire, then would the people say
 'The prince has fled through fear.' I will therefore tarry here 2
 and see what my father will do because I have so boldly
 killed his general." And moved by such thoughts, the valiant 3
 prince spent a few days at that very place. The general's
 soldiers and many people of that country were filled with great 4
 fear by reason of the murder of the general; and the people of 5
 the country were not able to remain in their places (through fear
 and anxiety), but came from all parts and saw the prince, thinking 6
 that the king's son had rebelled against his father and slain his
 general. And the people spake to him, and said, "What service 7
 is there that cannot be done to our lord while there are wise and
 powerful servants like unto us whose faithfulness is great?
 While the rightful heir yet liveth (in you), how could your uncle 8
 venture to possess this kingdom, which belongeth to your father,
 saying that (his son) the prince (who is the heir) is young?
 Let us go together to the city of Sankhanáthathali and seize 9
 the king, and bring him hither with his household and his
 treasures." And when they had thus firmly agreed among 10
 themselves they went (straightway) to the place which was
 called Padavárasuññakaṇḍa, being all of one mind to seize the
 kingdom. Whereupon the prince sent thither some of his men 11
 and brought up the leaders of the soldiers into his presence, and

12 spake unto them, saying, "Think not that I caused the general
to be slain from a desire to rebel against my father, and I pray
13 you not to bear any ill-will towards me on that account. Of a
certainty I have not come hither having rebelled against my
father, the king; neither do I desire to possess any portion of his
14 dominion. Is it not the duty of sons, like as we are, both to live
15 without causing displeasure to their aged parents and to defend
them from danger that might arise from others, and to minister
16 unto them carefully all the days of our lives? Wherefore, then,
did ye think in this wise?" So he spake, and having removed
their doubts this man of great wisdom turned his thoughts to
17 other things that had to be done. And he thought, "Now, if I
remain here, where I now am, though it be even for a few days
longer, evil men may destroy the love that there is between
18 us, father and son. It is meet, therefore, that I should now de-
part hence to fulfil my first resolve, and not tarry here any longer."
19 Having thus determined, the prince departed from the village
Badalatthali to go to the village Buddhagāma, which is near unto
20 the rock Siridevi; but before he had reached the village Siriyāla
the people of that village, with one accord, fled and dispersed
21 themselves (to various parts of the country). Thereupon the
heroic prince, who had followed after them with his men, put on
22 his full armour and walked along the highway; but some daring
men made a device to capture him, saying, "How can we be
faithful to our lord who giveth us our bread, if we care not that
the prince who hath killed his father's general maketh his
23 escape?" So they followed the prince, and fell upon him un-
24 awares as he yet walked on the road. And the prince, fearing
nothing, fought with the sword that he had in his hand, and put
25 them to flight. After that, he who knew no fear, and was endued
with great wisdom, took his followers with him and reached
Buddhagāma, and encountered not any other danger.

26 And while he yet dwelt there for some days, the people of that
country joined together, saying, "We shall capture the prince";
27 and so they surrounded that village. And being desirous to com-
mence the fight, they ceased not to pour forth a shower of arrows
28 with great determination. Thereupon the soldiers who had come
with the prince, saying, "Our lives even shall we sacrifice if it
29 profit us aught," were sore afraid, save the prince's own atten-
dants who carried his sword and umbrella, and ran hither and
30 thither even in sight of the prince. And the prince, seeing his
soldiers fleeing, laughed and said, "Now is there an occasion

for me to show an act of great courage, for I shall terrify them 31
and put them to flight with my single weapon." So the prince
gave a fierce cry, saying, "Give me my sword." And he had 32
hardly uttered the words, in a deep tone of voice that resounded
on all sides like the blast of the conch of victory, which was
heard by the soldiers that were fleeing, when they saw the heads 33
fall of the bravest leaders of the enemy, who were being cut down
(by the prince). Thereupon the soldiers who at first fled rallied
and fought with the enemy, who numbered several thousands, and 34
having put them to flight they surrounded the prince and praised
his great valour, and gave him alone all the praise of their victory.

Afterwards, while the prince yet dwelt there (at Buddhagáma), 35
he desired to send for Gokaṇṇa Nagaragiri, who dwelt at 36
Kálavápi, one of king Gaja-Báhu's generals (who guarded the
borders), and to learn from him how he was affected towards
his sovereign. And for this purpose he sent to him one of his
trusty men with a letter. And when he (Nagaragiri) saw the letter 37
he received it with much humility, and when he had read it he
fully perceived how things stood.

And because of this prince's exceeding great power he 38
thought it not prudent to disobey the command; and, utterly 39
disregarding his duty, he waited not to learn the wishes of his
own sovereign, but proceeded to Buddhagáma and appeared
with all reverence before the prince. And the prince spake unto 40
him, and said, "It is known to you how I have come away from
the presence of my father, the king, and how I have dared to
cause his powerful general to be slain, and how I have displayed 41
marvellous feats of valour before the hosts of enemies who pur-
sued me closely and pressed me right hard;—and hearing these 42
things, you have come before me without even giving a thought 43
to learn the wishes of your king, and without any knowledge
beforehand of me, but simply on seeing the messenger and the
letter that I sent unto you. In doing thus you have done well."
So saying, the great prince felt much pleased, and bestowed on 44
him all the jewels and ornaments of divers kinds that were on
him, and a splendid elephant, and to his chief soldiers he gave 45
divers ornaments, earrings, and other things of great value, and
afterwards sent the chief from his presence, who also received 46
every attention, and was provided with lodging, food, and other
things that were necessary, so that he might take rest with his
own soldiers. And when the chief had laid himself to rest for 47
the night, he saw there in a dream that he was encompassed by 48

savages armed with weapons, and ready to kill him at the command of the prince in the same manner that the general had been killed ; and, being oppressed with the fear of death, he gave a most terrible cry, and fell down from his couch to the ground. And, taking no heed of his own servants who had charge of his sword and umbrella and other things, he left behind him all the fighting men that had come with him (and fled) ; but as he was not able, through fear, to judge even of the way by which he went, he entered into the great forests and wandered about thither, in great bewilderment, until dawn, when he saw the road that leads to Kálavápi, and leaving the forest he arrived in haste at his own village. And when his followers heard that their lord had fled, seeing no other safety for themselves, they trembled with great fear, and, throwing away every man his weapons of war, wandered about the woods as bewildered as their master ; but when the morning broke they found their way out and entered Kálavápi in great haste. And when the prince heard the tidings of the general's flight, he smiled thereat and tarried there a few days. At that time, whenever fatigue overcame him, this pleasant story was told him ; and as it was in itself a pleasant thing, it removed the weariness of the prince, for he had a great love for pleasantry.

And when Kitti Sirimegha had heard of all these things, he assembled his ministers and took counsel with them. And he spake thus unto them : " The prince has secretly departed from this city, although it has been well watched, and held by nobles, and is full of soldiers. And having afterwards joined himself unto certain vagabonds, they have fled together with other evil-doers, and have slain the most powerful general in my kingdom, and have taken away all the wealth that he had gathered together. And, fleeing from thence, he has slaughtered in many places many soldiers of the province who pursued him. Moreover, it is said that when he tarried at Buddhagáma he ordered up Gokappa Nagaragiri, an officer of king Gaja-Báhu, before him, and reduced him to submission. This is, therefore, not the time to remain indifferent to these things ; for if my enemies, profiting by this opportunity, enter into a false treaty with the young prince, whose good fortune is great, and who is rich in wisdom and valour, they might determine to make war, and great will be our misfortune if it so happen. It is meet, therefore, that he should be taken while he is yet in that village, and before he gives himself up to other evil thoughts."

Having resolved thus, the king called into his presence the two chief officers, Sena and Mahinda, and also the mahálana,* Devapádamúla Dáraka, and to these and other nobles he gave command, saying, "Take with you all the people that are found in my kingdom who live by the use of weapons, and go quickly and bring up the prince by force." And when he had so ordered he sent them thither. Thereupon these men of great might took each his own great company, and approached the village Siriyála, and there divided themselves into ten companies. The prince also, having heard thereof, thought thus to himself: "I will take my stand at such a stronghold, that so I may be able to compel the army that cometh hither in ten separate companies to join themselves together and present themselves as one body; and then will I quickly root them up." So the hero went to Saraggáma, in the district of Mahátíla. Then the king's ministers, fearing lest the prince should flee from that place and take refuge in the country abounding in great strongholds and surrounded by hills, and thus make it difficult for them to take him, proceeded together by the same way, even to that very place. And when the prince had heard thereof he was glad, inasmuch as the movement had fallen out as he had desired. And so he allowed the army to advance and to enter (the pass) without putting any hindrance in their way, and placed in ambush, on both sides of it, a great number of his men, well armed, and whose courage failed not. And when the mighty prince had learned that the whole host had entered the pass, he caused a great slaughter of the enemy's men that were skilled in war. And the rest of those who remained threw down their weapons, every one of them, and fled on every side without any desire to renew the fight. And the victorious prince departed from that place, and, that he might calm the anxiety of his father, returned to the village Bodhigáma.

And the brave prince tarried there a few days, and when he had broken up and routed the army that had come up again to do battle by the order of the king, his father, he proceeded from thence to the village Raṇambura, in the country of Lakpabbata.† And the prince wearied not, but remained there a few days that he might give rest to his soldiers, who were tired by the march. And thus did he think: "All my pursuers have I defeated and beaten several times, and though they have no

* Chief Secretary (?).

† Laggala.

desire to fight any more, yet do they not go back for fear of
 83 the king, my father. And say they, 'The prince does not fall
 into our hands because he is entrenched in the strongholds.'
 As the minds of these evil counsellors are full of such false
 84 imaginings, I will now issue forth from my stronghold and go
 to the very place where they now are, and remove that error."
 85 And when he had resolved thus, he departed for the village
 Khīravāpi, where the enemy's hosts were encamped, and entered
 86 the country of Ambavana,* and tarried awhile there. And after
 he had himself learned from the men of that village the spot
 where the enemy was encamped, he marched forth into the village
 87 at night. And his men halted without, being unable to break
 through the fence that surrounded them, which was rendered
 formidable by reason of its being fortified with sharp, piercing
 88 thorns. Then the hero went forward fearlessly and brake the
 fence, and entered and stood in the midst of the village, and
 89 made his name heard throughout it. And the enemy, who had
 before seen the marvellous valour of the prince, when they heard
 90 his deep voice in the midst of them were panic-stricken, and all
 of them, quite unmindful of their clothing and weapons, fled on
 all sides like unto a flock of deer when they see a lion among
 them.
 91 And his men, who had entered the village by the same way that
 he had, killed all such of the enemy as they met in flight, and
 92 destroyed the village with fire. Then the prince went straightway
 93 to the village Nāvāgiri and rested there until the dawn. There-
 upon the king's ministers assembled themselves, and spake
 together concerning the great courage and skill shown by the
 94 prince in every battle. They said to one another: "We have
 now taken with us armies, many thousands in number, saying,
 'We shall take the prince speedily after we have destroyed
 95 his army.' But on every side in the battle field they have all fled,
 and we have thereby only proclaimed the glory of the prince.
 96 The letters that the king hath now oftentimes sent are full of
 alarm, and our negligence in this matter will cost the life of
 97 the king our kinsman. Therefore, it is not meet that we should
 let the time pass by without endeavouring in some manner to
 98 carry out the king's command. Nay, it is our duty, even by
 sacrificing our lives, to please our lord whose bread we eat, and
 99 to save the life of our kinsman." So all these great hosts, being

* Ambana, or Ambokka.

well armed, marched forth eagerly, like the host of Mára, on the highway pointed out by the spies. They entered the village 100 by the gates of the four quarters thereof, and then encompassed the house where the prince dwelt. Because that the country was 101 cold, the prince girded on a red blanket, and amused himself with a game that was suited to youths; and knew only that the 102 enemy was nigh by the uproar. And when he looked round he saw not even one of his followers about him.

Thereupon, he forthwith fastened his hair-knot firmly, and 103 wrapped himself closely in the blanket that he had girded himself with, and, taking his sword in his hand, he gave a terrible look and entered into the midst of his enemies, like unto a lion 104 among the elephants, and forthwith put them all to flight on every side. Then he called to the men who had followed him, 105 and who had entered the forest through fear of the great tumult, and, bringing them together, spake to them saying, "If there 106 be any doubt in the mind of the king, our foe, as to the reason of my coming hither after I had left the king, my father, the 107 slaughter of the general and all the deeds that followed it should suffice to remove that doubt. It is time now to go to the opposite country." And when he had resolved thus, the prince 108 proceeded on his journey, and at the place Porogáhali-Khaṇḍhaka he washed his hand with water and thereby released it from the hilt of his sword, to which it had cloven by reason of the hardened blood; and he put off the blanket that he wore, and 109 took a change of raiment, and, having enjoyed the pleasure of rest for a while, he crossed over the boundary of the kingdom of the 110 king, his father, and entered a place called Janapada in the kingdom of Gaja Báhu, and stayed there a few days, enjoying the 111 divers pastimes and amusements for which that country was famous.

And when the king Gaja Báhu had heard from the mouths 112 of his body-guards of the manner of the prince's coming, he was greatly troubled, and, taking counsel with his ministers, 113 determined on what was meet to be done. And he sent unto him garments and jewels and other gifts, with a message saying, "My heart overfloweth with exceeding great joy because that I 114 have heard of your departure from the presence of the king, my 115 uncle, and of all the wonderful courage that you have shown on your way hither, and how you have come and entered into a place in my dominions. What kinsfolk are there to you on your 116 mother's side save me? Of a surety, therefore, your sight is to

117 me like a feast of the coronation. My uncle, the king, who is
 now in his old age, maketh not a jewel of a son like unto you
 118 his greatest treasure, but by some evil or mistaken policy hath
 sent you to me; wherefore do I indeed consider it the beginning
 119 of my great good fortune. Now, if we are both firmly knit
 together (in the bonds of peace and unity), what enemy will dare
 120 to approach us with the intent to make war against us? Yea,
 even now will my glory become great indeed in every way, even
 121 like unto the fire that is fanned by the wind. And as soon as it
 shall be that we have the pleasure of beholding each other, it will
 not be hard for me to place the son on the throne of his father.
 122 Wherefore, tarry not long on the road, but hasten to come and see
 me." With these words did he send messengers unto him.
 123 And when he had heard these things from the messengers, the
 prince, who was endued with an exceeding great power of judging
 what was right and wrong, thought thus: "Verily, it is hard,
 124 in every way, to fathom the wiles of princes. It is meet, there-
 fore, that I should go to Gaja Báhu after that I have learned
 somewhat more regarding his designs." So he sent along with
 the king's messengers a crafty soldier from among his own men,
 125 Nimmala by name; and the prince having learnt from him how
 the king and his ministers were truly disposed towards him,
 proceeded to the neighbourhood of the city of Pulatthi.
 126 Then king Gaja Báhu went forth to meet him, surrounded by
 127 his army, and was received with great respect; and as he was
 overcome by the fulness of his joy he made the prince to mount
 the elephant on which he himself rode, and after that he had
 shown him all the beautiful sights of the city (as he passed
 128 through it) entered the royal palace together. And the prince
 spent many days in the palace, and praised all things greatly,
 and showed forth to all men the great delight that he felt
 129 because that he had seen the king. And so that he might know
 130 to a certainty those who were faithful from those who were
 unfaithful among the subjects of the king, he chose faithful
 men of his own, who were skilled in all expedients and were
 131 familiar with the languages of many countries. From among
 them he (the prince), who was skilled in devising devices,
 appointed some who were experts in the science of poison to
 132 go hither and thither in the disguise of snake-dancers, and some
 of physiognomists, and some of musicians, wearing the garments
 133 of Candálas and Brahmins. From among the Tamils and other
 strangers he chose such as were skilled in singing and dancing,

and induced them to assume the guise of such as wander about displaying puppet-shows and other sports. Some also he 134 appointed to walk about disguised as pedlars, taking with them as merchandise rings and bangles and other ornaments made of glass. He made some to carry umbrellas, staves, and other 135 things needful to hermits, and, causing them to take the guise 136 of devout ascetics, sent them forth to wander from village to village, as if they made pilgrimages to shrines. He commanded 137 others who were skilled in healing diseases to go about the villages and towns practising as physicians. Likewise also he 138 commanded those who were versed in teaching the young the knowledge of letters and arms, and those who were versed in alchemy, those also who were sorcerers, and many who were 139 cunning in working in gold and other metals, to betake themselves to their trades and to wander about the country. And as he 140 himself desired to know the true feeling of them that dwelt without the city, he feigned himself to be fond of talk, and spake to all men whom he met with ; and when it happened 141 that he was in the company of those who constantly found fault with the king, he showed himself like as if he were dull of understanding by reason of his youth and inexperience. Thus 142 did he find out from among the chief ministers and the king's soldiers those who were puffed up with pride and those who were kindled with anger and resentment, those who lacked courage and those who were greedy of gain.

And the spies, who were well versed in the folklore of the 143 divers systems of religion that are contained in the Itihāsa, the 144 Purāṇa, and the other books, and who were skilled in devising proper means to lead the minds of their companions, took themselves the guise of Samaṇas,* and repaired to the houses of the people, and, having gained their entire confidence and obtained their favour and regard, took to themselves the office of house- 145 hold counsellors, and undermined the fealty of the people, and themselves acted in such a manner and gave such counsel as made them to be one with them. Thereafter the prince thought, 146 that as soon as the king was made to feel himself safe he might go about the country as it pleased him, and easily learn the state of things within it. So he sent a letter to his mother, 147 who dwelt in the Rohaṇa, and called for his younger sister, the beautiful princess Bhaddavati, and for a great quantity of wealth, 148


* *Samaṇas* : mendicant monks.

pretending that it was her property, and took that wealth unto
 149 himself. He then gave the princess to wife unto Gaja Báhu,
 150 and thus gained the entire confidence of the king. Thereafter
 he was wont always to go about the streets, as if for pleasure,
 151 accompanied by a spirited elephant of noble breed,* and,
 feigning to be pursued by the beast, he would run a distance and
 take refuge in the houses of those whose goodwill he thought
 152 it needful to obtain by making suitable gifts to them of
 ornaments of great value and other treasure ; and in this manner
 153 he secretly brought them all under his influence, so that all
 the traders and townsfolk, even to the lowest of people, every one,
 154 regarded him only as his sole benefactor. Thereafter this clever
 155 prince set his own writers to work, commanding them, according
 to their several branches, to take account of the king's treasures,
 of the number of his stores of grain and of his fighting men, and
 156 of the quantity of his materiel of war. But to inquire how those
 were disposed who were appointed to guard the city, and who
 were the chiefs of the army, sent he not any of his men. But
 157 for this purpose he himself went about from place to place,
 pretending that he amused himself, and thereby escaped he all
 danger of detection, and found out for himself all things regarding
 the two countries.

158 Thus do all the endeavours of beings endued with the power of
 meritorious deeds heaped up in former births meet with no
 hinderance, but are crowned with success. Let, therefore, the
 prudent man take this to heart, and become diligent in the
 performance of good deeds.

Thus endeth the sixty-sixth chapter, entitled "The Spying
 out the Condition of the Upper Province," in the Mahávaṇsa,
 composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXVII.

1  NE day the prince was borne through the king's highway
 2 in a litter, attended by his followers. And a fierce buffalo,
 that had broken loose and killed every one that came in its
 path, rushed at him with his eyes red and glaring in their sockets.
 3 And when they that bare the litter and the men that followed

* The words of the text are *Rāja-kulaṇ-vena-karīna*. This hardly conveys any connected sense. I have therefore altered the reading to *Rāja-kulīnena-karīna*, which may convey the meaning of a spirited elephant of noble breed.

him saw it coming nigh unto them, they were confused with fear and fled. Then the prince thought to himself: "Of a surety it is not meet for me also to run away like unto these men." Then, nothing doubting or wavering, he went up bravely before the beast and shouted with a loud voice. And the buffalo, hearing the voice, which was like unto the roar of a lion, paused of a sudden, and turned round and fled, killing and wounding all who came in his way. And they who saw this marvel with their own eyes, and they who heard thereof, were astonished, and praised him loudly, saying, "Behold, the possession of glory! Behold fortitude! Behold the courage of brave men! Behold self-reliance! Behold the dawn of good fortune!"

And when king Gaja Báhu heard of the tribute of praise that the people lavished on the heroism of the prince, and his other great virtues, he thought thus to himself: "This man is truly great, seeing that he is endued with marvellous courage and a glory that hath not been surpassed by others," and so he became jealous of the prince. And the prince, having been made aware of the suspicious thought that had arisen in the mind of the king Gaja Báhu, thought in this wise: "If I desire now to seize the kingdom even whilst I am here, it remaineth for me only to knit my brows, and my desire will be fulfilled. But if it should so happen, then will not my renown and my exceeding great valour and the strength of my arm be spread throughout the world. Nor will the itching of my proud arm (for the fight) be appeased except by the pastime of war. Therefore shall I go to the land of my birth and crush this king together with his ministers, and take them alive. And if I succeed in bringing my father Kitti Sirimegha into this city, and wipe off the stain of defeat which my three fathers before me have sustained with the water of ointment that shall be poured on his head, even so shall my glory overspread the whole of India." And knowing that there were secret ways leading to and from a city, he thereupon ascertained from the hunters the secret way by which the army would enter the city (in time of war) to make ready (for a siege), the way by which they would depart from the city in secret when it was needful to leave it, and also the secret way by which spies are sent out. And he himself wandered about the forest in the neighbourhood of the city, seeming to hunt the deer, and set various signs there, and thereby became familiar with the ways and byways thereof. And remembering the ancient saying that

"in the passing away of time time absorbs its own sap,"* he resolved to go to his own country.

22 And he sent beforehand a great number of his followers to a
place called Janapada, where it was determined that they should
23 assemble together. But he thought: "It becometh not my
manliness that I should remain so long here and depart without
24 informing the king thereof." So at eventide he arrayed himself
gorgeously with ornaments and went and stood before the king
25 Gaja Báhu. And when the evening was come, with its amuse-
ments and pleasures, the prince put on a pleasant face and spake
26 smilingly to the king, saying, "It is needful that I should go to
the sub-king's country and see my father and come back hither ;
27 I must depart also this very day, and that forthwith." And
when the king had heard these words, he thought that the prince
spake thus thinking to visit his own house, because that he had
28 not the wisdom to understand their meaning ; and he answered
him pleasantly in these gracious words: "May the desire of
your heart be fully accomplished."

29 Now, at that time the chief of the Brahmans, who stood near
the king, rehearsed the usual greeting and the auspicious words
30 praying for wealth and security from danger, for victory in
battle and for the destruction of their enemies, and for an
31 abundant store of prosperity. The prince also heard this as he
went, and thought to himself: "In truth, this is an exceeding
lucky hour for me," and went straightway delighted to his house.

32 Furthermore, the prince, being gifted with great wisdom and
virtue, and seeing and hearing divers good signs, departed from
33 his house. And like as if he pursued the elephant Rámakala in
sport, he sped from street to street, and at night departed from
34 the city. And as he walked in the light of the moon he saw a
man seated under a tree taking his rest ; and he asked him,
35 "Friend, who art thou?" And as he got no reply, he knew that
he was a wayfarer, and spoke to him a second time in a loud
voice, saying, "What, knowest thou not who I am?" But the
36 man stood silent through fear. Then he said, "Fear not ; they
call me Parakkama Báhu, the governor," and assured him
37 and treated him kindly. And he said further, "Friend, it is an
exceeding great gain to me that I have met thee here. Now, there-
fore, depart at once, and go quickly to the camp in the city, and
38 say, "I have seen the prince Parakkama Báhu as he returned to his

* Cf. "Procrastination is the thief of time."

country." With this message he sent the man away forthwith. And he waited on one side of the tank Khajjúṛaka Vaddhamána 39 that he might see whether any armed hosts pursued him, but 40 not espying any the prince departed from thence to go to a place called Kāṇapaddāuda. And as he went through a thick forest 41 a fierce she-bear, with rough claws of great size and with a horrible growl, came before him with her cubs ; and he pressed 42 her down with the end of his shield, and cut her in twain with his sword, and quickly cast off her cubs to a distance. Then, 43 calling back his followers, who had entered the wood for fear, the brave prince proceeded further and crossed Silákhaṇḍa. There he likewise killed a wild boar that came towards him 44 with a fierce grunt, leading a herd. And going on his journey 45 onwarus he came to a place called Demeliyanaga, in the village Opanāmika, where he met some country folk early in the morning, 46 armed with swords, proceeding on some expedition in which they were concerned. And seeing them he thought that they had come there beforehand to oppose him. So he struck his 47 sword hard against his shield, and crying out in a stern voice, " I shall slay these villains," he rushed into their midst like as a 48 lion rushes into a herd of deer. And great fear fell upon them, so that their weapons dropped from their hands, and they fled into the thick forest.

Thereupon the prince looked round, and seeing that one of 49 the men who had fled had fallen into a precipice, he raised him 50 up from the cliff and inquired of him saying, " Who art thou ? " And when he had obtained from his lips the truth, he was moved with pity for him, and spoke to him saying, " Fear not, but 51 take up thy weapons," and straightway told him familiarly all about his own journey. And when he came to the village of 52 Maṅgalaba he met his fellow-soldiers assembled, who were there according to the former agreement, and made merry with them. 53 And with these men he went to the place which was called Janapada, and joined his followers who had reached there before him. And the noble prince tarried there two or three days with these 54 men, and beguiled the time with deer-stalking and other pastime.

Now, when it came to the knowledge of Kittī Sirimegha 55 from letters that were sent to him by his faithful servants 56 that his son had come thither, he was filled with joy, because that his son, who dwelt for a long time among his enemies, had escaped narrowly from their hands and had come back without any evil befalling him. And he sent men who were the 57

58 reputed heads of the five trades,* with a letter in his own
handwriting and with gifts to his son, commanding them
saying, "Friends, I pray you bring hither and forthwith show
me my son, who will drive out my sorrows before any evil
59 befall me." And they went, and the prince saw them and the
gifts that they had brought, and was glad thereat. And being
himself anxious to see his father, he departed thence to Saraggāma.
60 And when Kittī Sirimegha heard that his son had arrived there, he
61 sent Kuthāra and other chiefs of the assemblies and the chief
monk who lived in the Pañca-pariveṇamūla monastery, that the
62 prince might be brought to him straightway. And when the
prince had inquired from them news about all things, especially
about the king, he said : " I shall proceed with you at the
moment that the stars are favourable, and then it is meet that
63 you should go with me." Having spoken thus unto them, he
spent some days pleasantly engaged in divers sports at this
place, which was beautiful with waterfalls and other lovely
scenery.

64 And the followers of the prince, seeing the soldiers who had
come from every side to see the chief of the assembly and the
65 other ministers (who had come to convey the prince home), and
remembering the offence that they had already given to the king
by joining themselves unto the prince, were overcome with fear,
66 and spake unto each other saying, " Many are the soldiers who
assemble hither from divers places, so that it is hard to know
67 the intent of these ministers. All the men who have come
together have surrounded us, setting us between them, and
68 have taken their stand each in his place." In this manner
spake they unto each other, and went up to the prince and told
69 him all their doubts and foolish fears. And it provoked the
prince to anger, and he spake words of such import unto them :
" So it is always : these base men know not how to discern things,
70 and therefore see danger even when there is none. Seeing the
country-soldiers who have assembled hither to see the chief of
the assembly, they now come before me and utter words of
71 despair." But although he spake thus (to assure them) they
abandoned him one after another and fled on every side. And
72 when the prince was informed of this he said, " Even after they
73 have seen my prowess in divers places, and the many times that

* *Pañca-pessiya-vagga*.. They are the carpenter, weaver, washerman, barber, and shoemaker.

I myself have shielded others from danger, these base men durst not cast off their inborn fear. Whether they remain here or depart, maketh not any difference to me. Would any man 74 ever think aught against me while I am here alive?" So he remained there and spent some time in the place.

Then the queen Ratanávali, hearing that her son stayed there 75 and came not with the messengers that had been sent by the king, thought to herself: "If my son should remain there and 76 not return home forthwith, it might grieve the king, and that of a surety is not beseeming. I will therefore go there myself 77 and fetch my son, and straightway show him to the king." So she made haste and departed from the Rohaṇa, and proceeded 78 to Sapkha-náthatthali and saw the king, and after she had exchanged many pleasant words with him she drew near unto 79 him and declared the purpose of her visit. And then she went to Saraggáma and saw her son and the chief elder and the chief 80 of the assembly; and they all took counsel together as to what was to be done.

And as they thought it in nowise prudent to delay longer out- 81 side the city, they took the prince with them and came to Badalatthali, where they joined unto them the general Deva, and 82 went with him to Sapkha-náthatthali, and showed the prince to the king, his father. Whereupon the loving father, Kitti Siri- 83 megha, having seen his son, delivered himself thus in the presence of his chief nobles: "This day hath removed from my 84 mind the sorrow which had pierced my heart like an arrow concerning who should minister most dearly to an old man like unto me, or who should perform the last rites of the dead unto him. Therefore, I pray you think not (that the return of the prince) 85 is a gain to me only. Doth he not foreshadow the dawn of good fortune to you all also? Henceforth, therefore, submit yourselves 86 unto the prince, even all of you." So saying, he gave his son charge over them. And while the ministers fulfilled his command 87 with all reverence, the king Kitti Sirimegha died in due course 88 of time. But the prince, whose calmness forsook him not, and who was versed in all knowledge and religion, yielded not to the grief caused by the death of his father, but comforted the chief 89 ministers and the other inhabitants of the country, and performed the rite of burning the dead body of his father as it became his high office. And then he set over the different districts and 90 borders of the country officers whom he had trained, and who were very faithful to him. And as he was well versed in the 91


laws of the Kshatriya tribe, he held the great festival in honour
 92 of his being appointed to the office of chief governor. There-
 93 upon the ornament of Laṅká (Parakkama Báhu), decked with
 all the emblems of the kingly office, and endued with great
 power, and chiefest amongst the most skilful, mounted his
 elephant, and, like the chief of the gods proceeding round his
 habitation, he rode around the city, which was ornamented in
 94 divers ways with numerous decorations. And the season of the
 drought of poverty that the Śramaṇas and Brahmaṇas had long
 suffered from was now refreshed by the shower of rich gifts that
 were bestowed on them that day.

95 Thereafter he sent his messengers to give an account of these
 doings to king Gaja Báhu and king Māṇábharaṇa.

96 So the chief governor Parakkama Báhu, who by his excellent
 virtues had gained the hearts of a great number of chieftains,
 and made his enemies to tremble greatly before him, succeeded
 in acquiring great renown ; and his chief desire being to spread
 his good name and fame throughout the whole world, he dwelt
 in that city and devoted himself to doing many noble deeds.

Thus endeth the sixty-seventh chapter, entitled " The Festival
 of the Chief Governor," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for
 the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXVIII.

1 ND as his aspiration soared exceeding high, and because
 of his great knowledge of the opposite country, he took
 counsel with those who were appointed to manage the
 2 affairs of the kingdom. And he thought thus (within himself) :
 " Inasmuch as the end of my kingly office is to destroy all my
 enemies and to establish the prosperity of the land and its religion,
 3 I have even now, by my great wisdom, raised this kingdom to
 4 a state of prosperity. Notwithstanding that it is a small one, I
 shall soon make it yet more prosperous, so that it will surpass
 even the greatness of other kingdoms."

5 And the governor having thought thus (within himself) gave
 unto all those officers that had been brought up with him offices
 according to their deserts, and gained their affection by giving
 6 them wealth and power. From the mountain Samanta-kúṭa* as

far as the seabord he set his own soldiers in divers places in the borders of his kingdom. And he thought to himself: "It 7 is my chief duty to gather up an abundance of grain by all that lieth in my power." Having so resolved, he spake to his ministers 8 in these words: "In the kingdom that belongeth to me there are many paddy lands that are watered chiefly by the water from rain clouds; but the fields that depend on a perpetual 9 supply of water from the rivers and tanks are verily few in number. The land is studded thickly with numerous rocks and 10 thick forests and great marshes. In a country like unto this 11 not even the least quantity of water that is obtained by rain should be allowed to flow into the ocean without profiting man. Therefore, save the mines of gems and gold and other precious 12 things, the rest of the land should be turned into rice fields. Remember also, that it is not in the least meet that men like 13 unto me should live and enjoy what has come into our hands and care not for the people. And all of you who have a hard work 14 to do, slacken not your energy because of the hardness of your work, nor take any account thereof, but fail not in the least to 15 perform all that I have commanded you according to the command that I have given unto you." So this great king 16 commanded them to build the causeway known as Koṭṭha- 17 baddha over the river Jajjara,* that had been long in ruins, and which had caused exceeding great trouble to kings in former times. Whereupon all the ministers set forth before 18 him, in divers ways, the difficult nature of the work, and its unstableness even if it should be accomplished. But king Parak- 19 kama Báhu would not listen to their words, saying, "To men of perseverance, what is there in this world that cannot be accomplished? Even in the depths of the sea Rámá built him- 20 self a great bridge with the help of his hosts of apes,† and this saying remaineth in the world even up to this day. If it be 21 my destiny, by means of my exceeding good fortune, to bring Laṅká under the dominion of one canopy and to advance the welfare of the country and its religion, then, indeed, will the 22 beginning of the work see also the end thereof." Thus did this man of great courage fill them with courage.

* Dēduru-oya.

† Referring to the episode in the Rámáyana about Hanuman and his horde of monkeys building a bridge across the Gulf of Mannár, of which the reef of rocks called Adam's Bridge is supposed to be its remains.

- 23 Before beginning to build the causeway this prudent ruler of
 the land caused a great channel to be made of great breadth and
 24 strength, the depth whereof was equal to the height of several
 men holding their hands aloft, and extending from (the site of)
 the head of the causeway up to the country of Ratta-karavha.*
 25 And this great and renowned ruler assembled a multitude of
 stone-cutters from among the dwellers of the country, and a
 great many workers in brass and copper and iron and gold, and
 26 employed them in the work of cutting stones, and caused them
 27 to build a causeway of exceeding strength and firmness, with
 stones so closely knit together that the joints thereof were
 difficult to be seen, like unto a single slab of stone, having the
 28 plaster work beautifully finished. And the faithful king placed
 a Bodhi-tree and an image-house and a Dhátugabbha† on the
 29 top of the causeway, and in such a manner did this wise and
 prudent ruler finish the work that the whole stream of water
 30 flowed to the sea through this channel. And when he had
 caused the forest on both sides of the stream to be cut down, he
 formed fields of several thousand waggons of paddy seed in
 31 extent; and because this portion of the country was full of
 granaries, filled with a perpetual supply of paddy, they called it
 Koṭṭha-baddha, which signifieth 'the perpetual granary'.
 32 Afterwards, at the confluence of the two rivers Saṅkha-
 33 vaḍḍhamána and Kumbhíla-vánaka, he caused the place
 Súkara-nijjhara to be dammed up, and there also he built a
 34 channel in the manner aforesaid, and caused the water of this
 channel to fall into the tank Mahágallaka, after he had
 35 completely repaired the breaches thereof. And then he enlarged
 the gates of the sluices, and made the body of water that
 36 flowed through them to be greater than before. And from that
 place (Mahágallaka) up to Súkara-nijjhara he formed paddy
 fields, and collected heaps of grain there also.
 37 And in the middle of the Jajjara river, at the place Dórádat-
 tika, he built a waterfall and a large channel also (to convey the
 38 water thereof), and from thence up to Súkara-nijjhara he formed
 paddy fields; and there also collected he stores of grain in the
 same manner.
 39 The tank Paṇḍa-vápi, which was aforetime of very small size,

* Ratkerauwa (?) in the Aṭakalan kóralé of Sabaragamuwa, where extensive remains of stupendous irrigation works are still to be seen.

† Dágoba.

he rebuilt with embankments greatly enlarged in height and 40
length and breadth, and with sluices to convey a body of
water of great and exceeding height, and gave to it the name of
"The Sea of Parakkama." In the islet in the middle of the 41
tank he built a Cetiya* on the top of a rock, like unto the top of
Mount Kelása in beauty; and in the centre thereof he built 42
a royal palace of surpassing beauty, three stories high,—a palace
fit (to draw unto it) the multitude of joys in this world.

The tanks Mahágalla, Setthivápi, Chattunnata, Tambavápi, 43
Ambavápi, Vāsavápi, Giribávapi, Pátála, Maṇḍika, Moravápi, 44
Sádiyaggámavápi, Tilagullaka, Málavalli, Káḷi, Kittakaṇḍaka, 45
Kaṇikáragalla-vápi, Buddhagámaka-nijjhara, Súkaraggáma-vápi, 46
Mahákirála-vápi, Giriya-vápi, Rakkhána, Ambála, Kaṭunnaru,
Jallibáva, Uttarála, Tintinigámaka, Dhavala-viṭṭhika-gáma, 47
Kirávapi, Naḷannaru, Kharaviṭṭha-vilatta, Dumbaragámaka, 48
Múnaru, Kasála, Kalalahallika, Múlavárika, Girisigámuka, 49
Polonnarutala, Visiráthala,—these and many other reservoirs 50
that were in ruins, mountain streams and tanks also, did this
bountiful king build in his kingdom.

In the country of Pañca-yojana† he drained great marshes and 51
bogs, and made the water thereof discharge itself into rivers,
and formed paddy fields, and gathered together a store of grain. 52
In the forest of that part, and in many other places also, he set 53
boundaries to all forest land; and when he had assembled all the
village chiefs of the people together he set the inhabitants of the
country to work in making paddy fields. Thus did this wise 54
ruler make the revenue that was obtained from the new paddy
fields alone to be greater than the revenue which had been
derived from the old paddy fields in the kingdom; and when he 55
had accomplished this he made the country so prosperous that
the inhabitants thereof should never know the evils of famine.

And, being skilled in the laws of government, he thought 56
within himself: "Let there not be left anywhere in my kingdom
a piece of land, even though it were the least of the yards of a
house, which does not yield any benefit to man." And so he 57
caused delightful gardens to be planted in every place, and many 58
fine groves thickly covered with all manner of running plants
and trees famous for their divers fruits and flowers, and fit for
the use of man.

Thus did this king, because he was a skilful governor, by 59

* A large dágoba.

† Paṣṣun kóralé.

his own superior wisdom cause his kingdom, though a small one, to surpass others even greater than his own.

Thus endeth the sixty-eighth chapter, entitled "The Improvement of his own Kingdom," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXIX.

1 **AND** Parakkama Báhu having thus firmly established his
 2 own kingdom, thought with himself in this wise concern-
 ing the matters that required his attention : " Foolish
 kings in past times, who were enemies to good government, did
 for a long period ruin the kingdom and the religion according as
 3 it pleased them. The monks, too, turned the doctrine and
 discipline of the religion of the Teacher upside down, and, acting
 4 against its precepts, lived just as it pleased them. Now, there-
 fore, it would be well if I should establish one canopy of dominion
 throughout Laṇkā and set in order the kingdom and its religion."
 5 And when he had thus thought he gave orders to the chiefs of
 districts and provinces to gather men and to procure materials
 6 for war. Above all things, the royal prince sent for the Malaya
 Rájá, who was then the chief of the Tamil forces in the country
 7 of Ratta-kuravaka, and (after he had given him orders) sent him
 to remain there ready with many thousands of mighty men of
 8 valour, with armour and weapons also for them. So also from
 the countries Tabbá and Giribá and Mora-vápi and Mahípála
 9 and Pila-viṭṭhika and Buddhagámaka and Ambavana and
 10 Bodhigáma and Kaṇṭaka-petaka, he sent separately for the
 chiefs who guarded the frontiers, and after he had given them
 orders to make ready many thousands of men and strongholds
 11 and armour and weapons—swords, lances, darts, and other
 weapons of war—he sent them back every one to his own country,
 12 to remain there. At that time Laṇkā-Mahálána, Sikhá-Náyaka,
 13 Jayamahálána, Setṭhi-Náyaka, and Mahinda—the five famous
 men who were descended from the Lambakaṇṇa race—dwelt in
 14 the Moriya country ; and he commanded them also to have in
 readiness, each one, a thousand strong men with their materiel
 15 of war. The king also appointed twelve chiefs of provinces over
 the interior of the country, and gave in charge to each of them two
 16 thousand men of valour. He also conferred on four and eighty

men, who were used to overcome difficulties and hindrances, the offices of chiefs of districts, and gave unto each of them a thousand fighting men. He chose him many thousands of men, 17 also of great stature and of great strength, and formed them into a body of fighting men, armed with maces, and supplied them with all the requirements of warfare. Of strangers also, 18 who were dwellers in Kerala and other countries, he formed bodies of fighting men of many thousands of trained warriors. He also formed a body of a thousand moonlight archers* skilled 19 in fighting at night, and provided them with dresses made of furs and the like. He trained many thousands of hunters† 20 and made them skilled in the use of their weapons, and gave them suitable swords, black clothes, and the like things. Then the 21 king chose from divers artificers a thousand of each kind, and commanded them that they should devote themselves each man to his own labour.

And the lord of the land brought up in his own palace the sons 22 and brothers and grandsons of many noble families, saying, "Let 23 them grow up and become familiar with the service of kings and be skilled in managing horses and elephants and fencing, and in the knowledge of strange tongues, and in music and dancing. Likewise also he maintained in the king's own house many thou- 24 sands of attendants of divers classes, such as sword-bearers, 25 incense-bearers, menials, Singhalese musicians, and pages. He 26 gave materials and implements to young men of the liveried, the barber, and other castes, and commanded them to serve each one his chief.

And when he had learned from the chiefs of the treasury of the 27 king his father the amount of the wealth (that could be taken), 28 he decided that he could not, with that amount, bring Lapkā under the dominion of one canopy. Therefore, without oppressing the people, he laid up wealth in the following manner. The lord of 29 the land divided the army and the revenue into two branches of the king's service, and placed them under (the oversight of) two chief officers. Likewise, also, the king divided equally the whole of 30 the country that he had gotten by conquest, and put the two parts thereof under two ministers of accounts who had a claim to hold the offices by right of regular succession. From the 31

* *Candāloka dhanuddhare*. Men accustomed to use the bow and arrow in the moonlight.

† *Vyādhā*. Sig. *Vēddā*. Most likely, the *Vēddās*.

country on the seaboard, from the country of gem quarries,* from
 32 the country of the great Malaya and the rest, the king separated all
 the land of great value and gave the charge thereof to a minister,
 33 for whom he created the office of Antarāṅgadhura.† And he
 exported in ships gems in great number for merchandise, and
 34 thus increased the king's treasure. And his materiel of war and
 his thousands of fighting men he placed under the oversight of
 35 his two chief ministers. So that an exceeding great host was
 there kept under these three ministers,—namely, he who filled the
 office of Antarāṅga and they twain who filled the offices of the
 two divisions (of the kingdom).

36 And that he might make the soldiers dexterous in war he
 caused mock battles to be practised in the streets, and chose those
 who showed themselves most skilful, and rewarded them highly ;
 37 but those who were feeble and unable to fight he sent away, full
 of compassion and pity for them, saying, “ Let them live in com-
 fort by giving themselves up to husbandry and other labour.”

38 Thus did the king, who knew how to command and how to
 make ready armour and weapons and valiant hosts, acquire great
 wealth with ease without oppressing the people.

Thus endeth the sixty-ninth chapter, entitled “ Preparation for
 War,”‡ in the Mahāvaṇṣa, composed equally for the delight and
 amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXX.

1 **HEREAFTER** he (Parakkama Báhu) beheld his great
 2 army and the extent of his wealth, and his grain, and
 other possessions, as well as all his materiel of war ; and
 he thought to himself : “ Now is it not difficult for me to subdue
 even the continent of India, much less even the island of Sīhala ”;
 3 and so he began to make ready the kingdom (for war). And by
 4 kindness he induced Rakkha-Daṇḍanātha, the chief captain of
 5 king Gaja Báhu, who was in charge of Yaṭṭhi Kaṇḍaka and
 6 Dumbara in the great Malaya country, to come to him, and, after
 he had shown him great favour, the king treated with him for the
 surrender of the Malaya country which he then governed,—a
 country that could be passed only by a footpath, and which,

* *Ratanākara*. The similarity of this name to the present Ratnapura is significant.

† Minister of the interior.

‡ *Bala-dhana-saggaho*. Literally, “ collection of man and money.”

because of the mountain fastnesses and of the wild beasts which haunted it, was difficult to be reached, and was not resorted to by men of other districts. Moreover, it was made exceeding dangerous by the numerous streams that flowed through it, broad and deep, swarming with crocodiles that feed on the flesh of man. Thereupon the people of that country, when they heard of these things, took counsel together, saying, "When Daṇḍanātha comes back then shall we kill him." And Daṇḍanātha, also, when he had heard thereof, returned in haste and fought with the rebels and put them to flight, and seized the country of Dumbara. And then he fought a battle at Yaṭṭhikaṇḍa, and drove away the enemy and cut off the head of the chief of that district. At the village Tálakkhetta he gave battle to the enemy in two places, and likewise also at Nágapabbata. In the villages Suvanna-donī,* Rámucchuval-
lika,† and Dematṭhapádatthali he fought battles, one at each place, and having driven them all from the places that they had held, this powerful chief captain of the army seized the country of Yaṭṭhi-kaṇḍaka also. And when he had placed his younger brother there in charge of the army, he returned to the king (Parakkama Báhu) that he might learn what was meet to be done. And meanwhile the soldiers that his brother had led fought against the enemy and took the country Nílágallaka. And when Daṇḍanātha returned he fought the enemy at Sayakhettaka, Rattabeduma, and likewise at Dhanuvillika,‡ a battle at each place, and killed great numbers of the enemy, and established himself firmly in the country of Nílágallaka, which he had taken. Thereafter he fought twice with the powerful chief Otturámallaka, and with Dhanumaṇḍala-Nátha, and when he had taken the country of Nissenikhettaka, which he freed from its enemies, he brought Otturámallaka and the others to submission.

Thereupon the king sent for Rakkha Daṇḍa-náyaka, and bestowed on him the rank of Kesadhātu,§ together with much wealth and honour, and sent him to the king's country to take the district of Majjhima-vaggaka. Accordingly he went to Nílágiri; and when he had added to his army there and waxed very

* Randeniya.

† Rambukvella.

‡ Dunuvila.

§ This rank appears to have been conferred on many distinguished captains of this period. Kesadhātu means the Hair-relic; and the rank probably consisted in the installation of the recipient to a certain Order of Knighthood, instituted at that time in connection with the Hair-relic.

powerful, he fought at Vápívátaka, and at Majjhima-vagga also,
 22 and gained a victory. And when king Gaja Báhu heard of these
 things he sent a great army to fight against the enemy ; and
 23 Kesadhátu, when he knew thereof, made ready to meet it with a
 powerful army and equipage, and broke the enemy's forces and
 took the country of Majjhima-vagga.

24 Thereafter the two officers, who were like unto lions in courage,
 named Lókajitvána and Rakkha-Lapkhádhináyaka, raised an army
 25 and went and fought with Húkitti-Lapkhánátha ; and they slew
 him and took possession of the country of Rerupallika. Then
 26 the king (Parakkama Báhu) won over the chief Samanta-
 malla of Kosaka-vagga by showing him kindness, and, having
 27 bestowed on him much wealth and honour, he sent him with a
 large army and materiel of war to take the country of Kosaka-
 28 vagga. Whereupon Samanamallaka, Otturámallaka, and the
 others fought with the enemy and made a great slaughter of
 29 them in battle ; but at the place called Sísacchinnaka-Bodhi
 these powerful chiefs utterly defeated the enemy in a pitched
 battle and took the country of Kosakavagga.

30 In this manner did he restore peace thoroughly in the Malaya
 31 country, which was troubled by its own inhabitants, and dwelt
 in his own city, passing the time in pleasure parties and sports on
 water, and in dancing and music, and other pleasures.

32 And in order to restrain the rival chiefs and to keep down the
 robbers, and also for the sake of exercise, it was his custom at
 33 that time to go out hunting. And one day the king went with
 his chief queen and his officers and followers for a hunt, and
 34 seeing a certain wood in which there were signs of the presence
 of deer, the king caused the queen to sit down on one side,
 35 and the whole forest to be surrounded with nets and hunters
 armed with javelins, and caused them to shout on every side.
 36 Thereupon a stag, of the size of a young elephant, being
 exceeding frightened by the terrible noise, broke cover and,
 37 looking wildly around him, fled down the precipices, leaping
 38 over the mountain streams, and, breaking through the branches of
 the trees, burst asunder the network of creepers, trod down
 the brushwood, and rending and tearing up the nets to pieces,
 39 and terrifying and driving away every man that came in his
 way, fled with the speed of the wind in the face of the
 40 queen. And, when all the people saw the deer fleeing so
 wildly they were struck with fear, and fled on all sides, leaving
 41 the king and his queen alone. But the king, being a man of

great courage, saw the fierce deer that had burst out of the wood, and ran up against it and smote it with his spear. And the beast, being now wounded, bent down its head to attack, 42 and lo! at that moment his antlers dropped and fell at the feet of the king. And when the cries of the deer that had 43 been wounded were heard by the officers, the hunters, the servants in livery, and the barbers and the other followers of the king, they turned back and came together from all sides. And when they reached the spot they saw the king standing 44 bravely like a lion, and the antlers of the deer (on the ground beside him).

And when they saw this they were astonished, and being 45 exceeding glad and merry thereat, they made the whole forest to resound with their shouts. And when they had many times 46 praised the king for his great good fortune and courage and valour, they took up the antlers, and, surrounding the king, 47 went into the city, which was ornamented like unto the city of the gods. And after they had told the chief ministers of this 48 marvellous thing, they displayed the antlers before all of them. And when they had heard the wonderful story they were greatly 49 astonished, and showed forth their admiration in these words : "Oh that this man of great might and power had been born 50 on the continent of India, for then would he have become a monarch with supreme power and dominion over all things (Cakkavatti Rájá)!" Thus did they sound forth the praise of 51 the brave king, whose valour it was difficult to surpass. And 52 after they had caused letters to be engraven on the antlers, they placed them in the king's treasury, where they remain until this day.

Now, at that time, it came to the ears of the king that king 53 Gaja Báhu had brought hither royal princes, believers of false 54 creeds, from strange countries, and thereby filled the king's country with enemies as with a bed of thorns. And he was greatly displeased therewith, and thought thus within himself : "And yet hath he done this, when men like unto me, of great skill and good fortune, of rare gifts and exceeding courage, are still to be found here." So he commanded his generals to seize the king's country also. And as he had diligently studied 55 the books that related to the business of war—to wit, the Kocallasattha, the Yuddhannava, and other books—and had used his own judgment in those matters, he knew well how to 56 carry on the war according to the times and places, and wrote 57

down the plan of carrying on the war, and caused it to be delivered to the chief officers that were in command of districts, and enjoined them strictly not to turn aside from his commands, even unto a hair's breadth. And they all received the king's command with great submission, and began the attack in great force (on all points).

Now there was in the service of king Gaja Báhu a chief officer of the king's canopy-bearers,* KOMBÁ by name. And he was much skilled in war, and had an abundance of men and materials. And he had built himself a very strong fortress at the village Mallaválána, that so he might hinder his enemies from invading the country, and was for a long time in possession thereof. (And when the war was begun) Malaya Ráyar, who was placed in the stronghold at Válíkákhetta, fought with him, and drove him away, and took his fortress. And the valiant captain led a large army in ships by the sea to the pearl-banks,† and fought a great naval battle with Daṇḍanátha, who was stationed there, in which the mighty captain (Malaya Ráyar) routed the hosts of the enemy. In a second great battle also, which he fought there, he put many thousands of the enemy to death. And the host (of Parakkama), under the captain Nambá Kesadhátu and other chiefs, destroyed the enemy at Málavalliya; and Nílagalla, the captain of the borders at Moravápi, went up at the same time to Kaṭiyágáma and killed a great number of the enemy.

Now in the village Kálavápi there lived a celebrated captain of Gaja Báhu, by name Gokaṇṇaka Nagaragiri. He was a true and brave officer, endued with great qualities, and had under his command chariots and men and materials, and was able therewith to withstand the attacks of the enemy. But Rakkha Divána (one of Parakkama's captains) gave him battle at the place Goṇagámuka, and defeated him. And being greatly shamed by the defeat, the chief Gokaṇṇaka increased and strengthened his army, and gave battle in the following places:— at the stronghold Pilaviṭṭhi, at the stronghold called Sállaka, at the stronghold Taṭavápi, at Jambukola, at Vajiravápi, at Nandivápi, at Pallikávápi, and at Kalalahallika. And when he had given battle in each of these places, and had been defeated on all sides, he thought within himself: "This army of mine,

* *Chatta-gáhaka Náyaka.*

† *Muttákara*, lit. 'the pearl mine.'

which had aforetime gained the victory even when fighting 75
 with the king himself, though now double in number, hath met
 with defeat, and its officers have been slain in the divers battles
 which it hath fought with two or three of Parakkama Báhu's
 commanders of the borders. It seemeth clear, therefore, that the 76
 war cannot now be carried on any longer." So he sent mes-
 sengers to Gaja Báhu, informing him of all that had happened.
 And the king Gaja Báhu, having heard all these things, called 77
 his ministers together and spake these words unto them :
 "We have heard not, at any time, of any defeat that hath 78
 happened to us before; wherefore it is a sore disgrace to us that
 we have now been discomfited. The mightiest and most 79
 powerful of my generals hath fought more than once, and
 hath been defeated. It would not be well, therefore, for me if 80
 any further disaster should overtake him." And when he had
 thus delivered himself, and taken counsel with his ministers,
 he sent much treasure to his captain, and men also, and officers, 81
 and weapons of war, and armour that could not be pierced
 through. Then the officer Gokaṇṇa, having made haste and 82
 armed the hosts that the king had sent, and his own men also,
 that consisted mostly of the country people, went up again to 83
 Nílagala and fought a great battle with Máyágeha, the chief
 captain (of Parakkama). And a great number of Gokaṇṇa's 84
 men fell in that battle, and some threw down their weapons, and
 others fled into the forest. And the slaughter was so great 85
 that the people spoke thereof as if none had escaped. And he
 himself fled into the forest, leaving behind his chariot and
 umbrella; and henceforth he abandoned all thought of giving 86
 battle, and kept himself within the fortress at Kálavápi, after
 he had strengthened it.

After that the officers who were kept in the Súra-ambavana 87
 district invaded Janapada, and slaughtered the host of the
 enemy.

And the leaders of the hosts that were kept at Bodhigáma 88
 attacked Laṅkágiri, and destroyed the enemy there.

And Parakkama Báhu sent Mahinda, Nagaragiri, and other 89
 officers under them to fight again in the Mallaválána country.
 And these mighty men went thither, and drove the enemy before 90
 them, and entered and took that country and fortified it strongly.
 And from thence they departed by the sea in many hundred 91
 ships, and attacked the country of pearls and took the chief 92

captain in charge thereof with his army, and sent the pearls to their lord (the king).

- 93 Thereupon the king caused a fortress to be built at a place callad Pilavasú, wherein he kept his strong and mighty men and officers.
- 94 And king Gaja Báhu, when he had heard of these things, 95 consulted his ministers and began to send an army. And Parakkama Báhu, knowing how to manage (under difficulties), sent his general (Rakkha) Lapkánátha to the Janapada country.
- 96 And when king Gaja Báhu heard thereof he gathered together his 97 army, and dividing it into two, sent them with arms and weapons by two ways,—the one towards the place called Janapada, 98 and the other towards the fortress at Pilavasú. And Rakkha Lapkádhinátha also, in order that he might wholly destroy the host of the enemy, advanced at the head of his great army and 99 proceeded to Ambavana, and gave battle to the enemy in the village Bubbula, where he destroyed a great number of them 100 and put the remainder to flight. Thereupon the people who dwelt in the country stopped the highways with trees which they 101 had cut down, and with thorns and creepers; and the enemy stood under cover behind them and continued the fight. And 102 Lapkánátha, who was resolved to destroy the enemy, pursued after them, breaking through their stockades, and after he had fought fiercely with them from place to place, succeeded in 103 entering the Janapada country. And he took Janapada, and, in obedience to the commands of Parakkama Báhu, he built 104 a fortress there and held it. Thereupon king Gaja Báhu sent 105 Deva-Lapkádhináyaka and Dáthá Bhára to oppose him. And Lapkádhinátha fought a great battle with them, and put them 106 to flight and took the village Yagálla. But king Gaja Báhu sent a host of men that was called the Catasso Parisá ('the four com- 107 panies') that were in the A'lisára country, to fight again; and Lapkánátha advanced and fought with them, and some of them 108 he took alive, and subdued the Taláthala country. Whereupon 109 king Gaja Báhu, wishing to subdue him by favour and kindness, sent him numerous presents of jewels and ornaments of great 110 value, and divers garments of silk and linen. And the chief of the army received the presents, and after he had disfigured the messengers he sent them with the bribes to his own master 111 (Parakkama). And the king was much pleased on seeing them, and sent back all the wealth and the valuable presents to him

(the chief of the army). After this the chief of the army left 112
the Taláthaliya fortress and took possession of the fortress at
A'ligáma, which is by the side of a river.

Then Gaja Báhu sent Síká, the chief of the army, and other 113
valiant and mighty men of war (against Lapkádhinátha). And 114
they all set out with an abundant supply of men and waggons,
and besieged the fortress and poured showers of arrows into it.
And some of Lapkádhinátha's mighty men, armed with weapons, 115
stood at the gates and carried on a fierce fight. Archers and 116
other strong men also, who stood on the battlements, killed
many of the enemy with their arrows and their lances and
javelins. In this manner did all the fighting men exert them- 117
selves to their utmost might, and carry on the great struggle
without ceasing, for three days. At last the mighty men of 118
king Gaja Báhu, who were determined to destroy the enemy,
essayd to break the great gate of the fortress. Whereupon 119
Lapkádhinátha and his strong men sallied forth, and (after a
hard struggle) drove back the enemy, killing so many of
them all along unto the river that he made the water of the 120
river mingle with the blood of the slain; and at the same time
he took captive many of the chief officers of the enemy's army.
And Rakka-Lapkádhináyaka, who gained the victory in this 121
battle, enjoyed the pleasure of a feast of triumph in his own
fortress, and sent to his own master the heads of the chiefs of 122
the enemy that he had slain, with their umbrellas and waggons
and weapons, and also those whom he had taken alive. There- 123
upon the king called his general Deva-Senápati, and told him all
that had been done by Rakkha-Lapkádhináyaka; and inasmuch 124
as he feared that Gaja Báhu, when he heard of the losses sus-
tained by the victorious army, would assuredly send a great army to
take the general captive, he commanded Deva-Senápati to proceed 125
to the Giribá country that so he might divide Gaja Báhu's
great army in twain. And this general, being a prudent man, 126
made ready all his host, and advanced to the border of the
Kálavápi river, and built a fortress there and remained therein.
Then, at the command of the king, he built over the Kálavápi 127
river a bridge of timber, two hundred cubits in length and twenty 128
cubits in breadth, fastened and made exceeding strong with
plates of iron and pegs,—a bridge of exceeding great beauty, that
could be passed by elephants, and horses, and chariots, and foot-
men. And the general Deva-Senápati left some officers in charge 129
thereof, and proceeded thence, and gave battle to the enemy in

130 divers places. And being victorious in these battles, he proceeded
 to a place called Aṅgamu, and, with the intent to make further
 advances against the enemy, he built a fortress there and held it.
 131 And when the enemy had heard thereof, he also built a fortress of
 great strength in the village Senágáma, to oppose the general.
 132 Thereupon the famous Deva-Senapati went forth and fought
 133 with the enemy at Senágáma, and seized the fortress. And
 the enemy having again fought twice and being defeated, he
 134 built a fortress at Manyágáma, and held it. Then Deva-Senapati
 went forth from Senágáma and took the fortress at Manyágáma
 135 and the forts at Mita and Súkaragáma also. And when he had
 repaired all these fortresses, he left them not unoccupied, but
 136 set officers in charge of them. The chief of the army also
 built a fortress at Terigáma, and placed officers therein who
 were accounted mighty men of valour, with soldiers under them.
 137 Whereupon Gaja Báhu sent Ráma Nílagiri, with the chiefs of
 districts and many leaders and their forces, to destroy him.
 138 And they all went forth well furnished with men and materials,
 and raised fortifications in the neighbourhood of Terigáma.
 139 And both the armies began the fight vigorously, and continued
 140 it from morning until evening. Then Nílagiri and the mighty
 141 men who were accounted men of valour, seeing that their army
 was losing ground, armed themselves well with their weapons,
 and, striking down the strong men and causing great terror
 among the enemy, rushed into the midst of the contending
 142 host like lions among a herd of elephants. But Deva-Senádhi-
 143 pati's mighty men, who flinched not in the fight, spread them-
 selves around them, and slew Ráma-Nílagiri and many officers
 of the army in the field of battle, and took captive the great
 warrior Kaḍakkúḍa and other warriors also who were with him.
 144 And the general Deva-Senánátha, who gained the victory in the
 145 field of battle on that day, sent the men whom he had taken
 146 alive to live in comfort with his master (Parakkama). And the
 wise Parakkama Báhu spoke to Mahinda Nagaragiri as he
 stood in attendance on him, and told him of the marvellous
 147 courage of his generals. And when he heard it he was straight-
 way roused with a great desire to excel them, and exclaimed,
 "I also will go to the field of battle and soon take Anurádhapura
 148 for you!" And when he had made the promise, the general,
 being desirous to crush his enemies, proceeded with a great
 army, and fought a great battle with the enemy at a place called
 Badaribhátika-mána.

And having gained great fame thereby, he proceeded to fight 149
 great battles at the village Siyámahanta-kuddála and in the 150
 neighbourhood of Tissavápi and Anurádhapura, and defeated
 the enemy everywhere until he took Anurádhapura at the head
 of a large army. Then king Gaja Báhu, having heard of these 151
 things, sent several captains of armies with a chief commander
 over them. And they all came ready for war, and set up barriers 152
 on the roads on all sides of the city, and hindered communi-
 cation thereby. And when Deva-Senápati heard these tidings 153
 he set off to rescue the general (Mahinda Nagaragiri) who was
 besieged closely, and, giving battle once again in the village 154
 Siyámahanta-kuddála, he fought three fearful battles on his
 way to the besieged city. And Malaya Ráyar also having heard 155
 how things stood, set out from his fortress, and having fought
 twice on his way, arrived (and joined his forces with those of
 Deva-Senápati). But at the command of (Deva) Senápati he 156
 proceeded in a certain direction, and fought with the enemy's
 forces nigh unto Anurádhapura.

Meanwhile (Deva) Senápati himself, having fought hard with 157
 the enemy in many places, came close to Anurádhapura and
 commenced to fight (with the besiegers). Then Mahinda, the 158
 valiant chief of the army, sallied forth straightway from the
 beautiful city of Anurádhapura and slaughtered the enemy and 159
 brake down the barricades, and cut his way out by force and
 joined Senápati. And when the armies of Senápati and the chief 160
 captain had joined themselves together, they fought with the
 opposing host, and again put the enemy to flight; whereupon 161
 the chief captain (Senápati) returned to Siyámahanta-kuddála
 and strengthened the fortress there, and occupied it.

Thereafter Parakkama Báhu sent unto the general Máyágeha 162
 and commanded him to carry on the war at A'lisáraka. And he 163
 proceeded thither with great joy, with skilful and valiant
 men, and built a fortress at Kalala-Hallika and occupied it.
 Thence he advanced to A'lisáraka, and fought three battles at 164
 the fort in the village Nandámúlaka, and seized the fortress.
 After that he took the fortress at the village Kaddúra, and 165
 again fought and took possession of the fortress at Kiráti.

And king Gaja Báhu's forces, who came to oppose him, 166
 held the fortress which they had built at Vilána. At this time 167
 Parakkama Báhu, whose valour no man could surpass, built
 himself a fortress at Nálanda, and held it. And hearing that (the 168
 enemy held a fortress that so they might oppose the advance of

Máyágeha), he secretly sent forth two or three hundred thieves skilled in house-breaking, commanding them to set out at midnight and, taking with them sharp-edged deer horns, to break into the fortress and seize it. Thereupon the general Máyágeha, in obedience to these commands, broke the fortress and took the enemy captive. And then he took the stronghold at Mattikávápi and the two strongholds at the Uddhakúra and Adhokúra villages, and moreover broke into and took the fortress at the village Násinna. Thus did he bring the country of A'lisáraka under his authority.

At the same time, the king, who knew the proper time when he should act, commanded his officers to take the city of Pulatthi without delay. Thereupon Rakkha Laṅkádhinátha and Sukha-Jīvitaputthaki went forth with all speed from the fortress at Taḷákatthali, fighting with the enemy in divers places on the way, and engaged in battle at the place Rajakamāta-sambádha. They fought again on the borders of the tract of fields called Miḷána khetta and, proceeding thence, fought again, even amid the field, and slaughtered many of the enemy. And from that place they pursued after the enemy, and overtook him at Dara-aga, and fought a battle there also and gained a victory. And from thence they went forward, and took the fort at the village Maṅgalaba by assault, and brake down the walls thereof, and destroyed the enemy there and took possession of the fort.

Now at that time king Māṇábharaṇa, the lord of Rohaṇa, who had waged many wars with king Gaja Báhu's chiefs and had been defeated and humbled by them, had given up the thought of war, and dwelt for some time much broken in spirit. But afterwards, accompanied by the Order whodwelt in the three Fraternities, he went and submitted himself to Gaja Báhu and entered into an alliance with him. But when he heard that the mighty generals of king Parakkama had made war against king Gaja Báhu, and had destroyed their adversaries and gained the victory in every battle, Māṇábharaṇa communed with himself in this wise: "Of a certainty will Parakkama Báhu, who is exceeding rich in resources, subdue the whole of the king's country;* and if peradventure that ruler took the king's country then would it not be possible for us to dwell in the Rohaṇa country." So he broke off the alliance that he had made with king Gaja Báhu

* The upper portion of the island, *Rāja rattha*, in contradistinction to the Dakkhina or Rohaṇa, the southern part of the island.

and sought the friendship of Parakkama Báhu, and, raising a 187
great army from among the inhabitants of both countries,* he
threw up fortifications in the valley of Sobora.

And the king Parakkama Báhu, wishing at that time to show 188
forth his marvellous valour, thought thus to himself: "Oh, that 189
I could let not my generals, who are in divers places, know there- 190
of, and secretly go to the city of Pulatthi with the mighty men
who have been brought up with me, and give battle and break
down the gates and battlements and towers thereof, and enter
the city and take Gaja Báhu captive!" Then the wise king 191
sent unto the general Máyágeha, who was left at Ambavana, and
told him of his purpose; and as his desire was to go to Ambavana, 192
pretending that he had other business to do there, and from
thence to proceed to the city of Pulatthi, he instructed his
general Máyágeha secretly in this wise: "Send you a letter to 193
me in these words, saying, 'It is my heart's wish to hold a great
feast in honour of Buddhá. I pray you, therefore, send unto
me the things that are needful for making offerings unto
Buddhá,—namely, chanks and the five kinds of loud instruments 194
of music, and Cámaras† and white umbrellas and banners: and 195
may it please my lord also to come hither and behold my feast.'"
And Máyágeha went accordingly to Ambavana, and having made 196
all things ready for the feast, he sent the letter as he had been
commanded.

And when the king saw it he was glad, and caused the letter 197
to be read in the midst of the assembly of the ministers; and 198
then the great king made haste and sent unto the general the
articles of divers kinds that were necessary for the feast, and
declared before the ministers his desire to go thither. There- 199
upon the chief of the ministers, who knew what the true purpose
of the king was, sent a messenger to his brother Nagaragiri,
telling him of these things. And when he had heard the tidings, 200
he set out from Móravápi and made haste with his army to see the
king. And when they asked why he had come, he replied say- 201
ing, "Because that I have known my master's mind have I come
hither," and moreover he said, "Servants like unto us are in 202
the employ of the king for the intent that they might bring
under subjection the rulers of the land who are his adversaries.

* Meaning the two portions into which the southern country was divided at this period.

† Yak's tails used as whisks and as insignia of royalty == chowries.

- 203 Wherefore shall I go up alone and seize Gaja Báhu with his numerous hosts and chariots, and give him as a captive to my lord."
- 204 And when he had spoken these words the chief of the border
- 205 entreated of the king that he might proceed thither. And when the ambitious chiefs of the army, Máyágeha and Kittī Lakṣádhinátha, and many other mighty officers, saw how matters stood, they offered themselves also, and each entreated the king, saying, "I
- 206 shall go first, I shall go first." Thereupon the king, who was much skilled in all stratagems, made known his plan and
- 207 sent his mighty men to the field of battle. And they all departed with their chariots and men and waggons, and built
- 208 fortresses nigh unto Nalanda. And as they tarried there, great clouds gathered in the sky, and the rain fell with great violence all around as if it would wash away the earth with its flood of
- 209 waters. Thereupon the king, who clung strictly to the truth, fearing that his army would be drenched by the clouds which were fast approaching, made the following solemn declaration
- 210 (before them) :* "If the establishment of the kingdom be for the prosperity of the religion and the state, then let not the rain fall (in this place) ;" and it ceased to rain there accordingly.
- 211 And then he sent to the army rice mixed with acids, plantains, rice roasted and beaten into cakes, and divers things to eat in
- 212 great plenty. He also sent many thousands of bamboos (made
- 213 into water-pipes), each formed into one long channel, replenished with water and pierced with holes and stopped at both ends so that many persons could drink thereof at one and the same moment (by taking away the plugs in the holes that were pierced along the bamboo).
- 214 Thereafter the general Mahinda went forth with a great army, and took the fortress in the village Lahulla after he had de-
- 215 stroyed the enemy. Then Lakṣádhinátha, having heard thereof, made great haste and took the fortress Hattanna after he had
- 216 put the garrison thereof to death. And the general Máyágeha, having heard thereof, hastened with a great host and reached
- 217 Khandigáma, so that Gaja Báhu's army, consisting of elephants, cars, horsemen, and footmen, was shut in on three sides in the
- 218 pass at Khandigáma. Thereupon the son of Lakṣádhinátha, Lakṣápura by name, a man of great might, came up to the gorge
- 219 at Khandigáma and joined together all the forces that had come from the three sides, and drove the enemy before him as

* *Sacca-kiriyá*, an adjuration by the power of truth.

a lion drives a herd of elephants. Then the other chiefs, with 220
 Laṅkadhinātha at their head, routed and slaughtered Gaja 221
 Báhu's army, and pursued it unto the place called Koṇḍaṅgulika-
 Kedára : and Gaja Báhu's broken forces then entered the city of
 Pulatthi. And when king Gaja Báhu saw the great host enter 222
 the city he was greatly roused with pride, and thought thus
 haughtily within himself : " When the king my father departed 223
 to heaven to join himself to the gods, and when I was scarce 224
 established in my father's kingdom, then came Kitti Sirimegha
 and Siri-Vallabha, from both sides of the land, to fight against
 me ; but they were not able to stand against my flag of victory, 225
 and fled; and from thenceforth did they abandon all thought of
 war until their live's end. And now am I well established in 226
 the king's country ; and my army, consisting of elephants and
 chariots and horsemen and footmen, is perfect. If, therefore, I 227
 should arm these hosts and lead them (myself) to battle, what
 king is there who is able to hear the sound of my drum in the
 field of battle ? " And king Gaja Báhu, being thus puffed up with 228
 pride, commanded the ministers of the interior to set the whole
 army in readiness. Thereupon the ministers made ready 229
 elephants and horses that were well harnessed, and also great
 bodies of very mighty men skilled in war and clad in ten kinds
 of armour, and soldiers also from the Keraḷa, Kannaṭa, Damiḷa, 230
 and other races. And when they had arrayed these forces the
 ministers informed the king thereof.

Then Gaja Báhu set out from the noble city of Pulatthi 231
 at the head of a great army, and came to a place called
 Sfkaviyala. And the commanders of Parakkama's armies, 232
 under their leader Rakkha-Laṅkádhinātha, made war with the
 king Gaja Báhu ; and these mighty men broke through his host 233
 of elephants and horses, and slew their riders, and put the king
 to flight.

And the king made haste and entered his own city, 234
 and caused the gates thereof to be shut, and hid himself
 in Anurá ;* and the mighty men also, who pursued after 235
 the king, came up and surrounded the city of Pulatthi on
 all sides. Then they began to attack its walls, battlements, 236
 and towers ; and the spies whom they had before left in
 the city (treacherously) opened the gate thereof. Whereupon 237

* This is probably the name of a secret place of concealment, or of a tower,
 a palace, or a grove.

the besiegers entered the city with great ease, and took
 238 Gaja Báhu captive, and shut him in the palace. The princes
 Colaganga and Vikkama Báhu also they took captive, and bound
 them and cast them into prison.

239 Then the chief captains of the army sent tidings unto the king
 of these things. And the king, who by his wisdom was able to
 judge wisely of the matter, when he heard thereof thought
 240 within himself, saying, "It is meet that he should live at ease,
 without any cause for fear from us, until that we could see each
 241 other at a lucky hour." So he sent forthwith to Gaja Báhu
 gifts of great value: garments, perfumes, and jewels, that
 he had set apart for his own use.

242 Thereupon the chiefs of the provinces and of the districts
 took counsel together, and sent a letter unto the king written in
 243 this wise: "While the king (Gaja Báhu) liveth a great part of the
 inhabitants of the country will not submit unto thee: therefore
 244 ought this man to be put to death." And when the king heard
 the message his heart was moved with compassion, and thinking
 245 to himself, "That king, surely, must not be killed," he
 straightway commanded the noble-minded general Deva-Sená-
 pati, who was at Senágama, to come before him, and spake these
 246 words unto him: "If these chiefs of the provinces and the
 districts, who are puffed up with victory, should seize the king
 247 and kill him, it would not be well; neither would it be well if
 they should plunder the city and oppress the people and
 248 conduct themselves riotously. For, is not the kingdom to be
 established with the intent that the religion should be pro-
 moted and the welfare of the State? Surely it is not only for
 249 the purpose of putting the king to death! Go you, therefore,
 and put down all those that are riotous and disobedient; pre-
 serve the king's life, and establish order and authority in the
 250 city." And when the king had spoken these words, it is said
 that he hastened away the chief captain, who departed with his
 251 army, and went to the city of Pulatthi. But before he came
 thither the soldiers, by reason of their perversity and wicked-
 252 ness, had set at nought the king's command. They brake
 open the doors of the houses in the city of Pulatthi, plundered
 the wealth thereof, and robbed the people of their raiment
 253 and jewels. And the noble city of Pulatthi, oppressed thus by
 the violence of the soldiers, was then thrown into great con-
 fusion, like unto the ocean that is disturbed by the tempest at
 254 the end of the world. And they that dwelt in the city, and

the ministers and their followers, and the country folk and the armed men were disgusted with these deeds of violence; and all of them went up with one accord to Mānābharāṇa,* and told him of these things, and spake to him, saying, "We beseech you come with us: we will conquer the kingdom for you, and it will be for you only to support our cause."

And Gokaṇṇa, the chief, who was left at Kālavāpi, also sent a messenger to him asking him to come up quickly. And the weak-minded prince Mānābharāṇa, having heard all this, and having taken counsel with his foolish ministers, determined that he would go thither, pretending to deliver the captive king, and then destroy the enemy and take possession of the whole of the king's country. So he made haste and gathered together an army from among the inhabitants of both countries, and having joined them with the forces of the officers of the king's country went up to the city and fought a fierce battle there, in which he utterly defeated Parakkama's army, albeit that it was so great. And king Mānābharāṇa went up to the palace and saw king Gaja Bāhu after he had made the customary obeisance to him. And so that he might calm the fears of that king's people, he delayed a few days, and then put to death all the commanders of the king Gaja Bāhu, and seized the king himself and cast him in prison. All the elephants also, and horses, and such moneys as were in the treasury, he seized and took to himself; and, thinking that he had now gotten himself the kingdom, he commanded the Tooth-relic and the Alms-bowl relic and his mother and all the women of his household to be brought thither from the Rohaṇa. And after that the king (Mānābharāṇa), who had neither compassion nor wisdom, secretly took counsel with his mother and his chiefs in this manner, saying: "While the king (Gaja Bāhu) liveth the forces of the king's country will be true followers of him only: he should therefore be put to death. But should we put him to death publicly, then would there be a strong uproar among the people: it is meet, therefore, that the king should be put to death secretly." So he made the king to endure great hardship by depriving him of food and rest, and also devised means to kill him by giving him poison. Now king Gaja Bāhu could not endure the tyranny of the king Mānābharāṇa; so he sent secret messengers to Parakkama Bāhu, saying "I have no other refuge but in thee. I pray

* Siri-Vallabha's son, and cousin of both Parakkama and Gaja Bāhu.

thee, therefore, pour upon me the water of thy mercy, and quench the flame of sorrow with which I am eternally scorched and tormented." And the king (Parakkama), being full of mercy, gave good ear to all the words that the king (Gaja Báhu) had sent by the mouth of his messenger, and was moved with exceeding pity, and thought in his heart, saying " Verily hath he suffered all this grievous pain because of me ! It is therefore my bounden duty to deliver him from that pain." So, although he had lost his army and his materiel of war (at the city of Pulatthi), yet, being endued with great heroism, he slackened not his energy, but chose the more valiant men from among those who had been brought up with him, and gave them offices and great wealth and honour. He gave the office of Adhikári* to the general Máyágéha, and likewise the office of Lapkhádhikári† to the chief Kitti-Saṅkha. And of the two generals who were brethren the king gave to the elder the rank of Kesadhátu Náyaka‡ and to the younger the office of Nagaragalla. And the wise and prudent ruler won their hearts by giving to both of them great wealth and honour and many soldiers.

Thus did this wise king furnish great and powerful armies with all speed, and send them in divers directions.

He sent the chief captain Rakkha Kesadhátu-Náyaka with an army to the village Vacá-vátaka in the Merukandara country. In like manner also he sent Rakkha Lapkhádhinátha to the village Maṅgalaba and Kitti Lapkhádhikári to the place Kyána-gáma. The two generals who were brethren, did the king send with a great host to Makkala-gáma.

At that time the king sent messengers secretly to the chief captain Deva-Senápati, who was shut up in the city of Pulatthi, and brought him hither and gave him the command of a great army like that of the gods. And the king, who was skilled in the manner of commanding his forces and disposing them, sent him to Gaṇḍatāṭa.§

And all the chief captains went with their armies and took each the post that was his, and plundered divers places on the way to the city, and cut off the heads of their enemies, striking them with terror, and stopping the supplies of corn. In this manner did they sorely oppress the people that dwelt in the city ; and the

* Chief Executive Officer : the " Adigar " of later times.

† Executive Officer of the Island

‡ Warden of the Hair-relic ; but see note *infra*.

§ Gantalawa or Kandalaí.

strong men of war who were set to guard different places killed and plundered the people, so that they ventured not to come outside the city even to seek wood or leaves, because they feared that they would be robbed of all their possessions. In many places they stopped up the highway from the Rohana to the city, and hindered the dwellers of that country from going to and fro from it. Then did the men of Māṇābharaṇa, who were shut up in the city, feel as if they were birds penned in a cage. Thereafter the two generals who were brethren fought a battle, and took Kōṇṭha Disānāyaka (Māṇābharaṇa's general) prisoner. They also fought with the hosts that were led by Bodhi Laṅkādhinātha (also a general of Māṇābharaṇa), and pursued after him unto the city of Pulatthi.

The general (Rakkha) Kesadhātu, who held the village Vacāvātaka, fought with the chief captain of Māṇābharaṇa, called Uttama, and gained a victory, and went up to the village Nāla, and fought a battle there with Buddha-Nāyaka and gained the victory. Afterwards the general Rakkha-adhikāri (Rakkha Laṅkādhikāri), who was left at the village Maṅgalāba, fought with the enemy and took the village Hattanna; and this famous man followed up his victory with all speed, and fought Nāthādhikāri and drove him back with his army. And when the king Māṇābhāsana (Māṇābharaṇa) heard thereof, he went with his mighty men of war to Māsīviyalasa to fight against him. Thereupon Kitti Adhikāri, who was then at Kyānagāma, and Deva-Senāpati, who was at Gangātāṭa, and the two brethren, the generals, who were at Makkalagāma—even all these, with their great hosts, made haste and went up in battle array each from his place (against the city), and slaughtered and put the enemy to flight wherever they chanced to meet them, and then went up with all speed from divers points to the city of Pulatthi, where they scattered the strong men who were set as guards all round the city (and entered it) and set the king Gaja Báhu at liberty. And they seized the women of the household of king Māṇābharaṇa, and his sons, and his mother, and all his treasure. But as soon as king Gaja Báhu was set at liberty by them he made all haste and fled straightway, and took refuge in the country abounding with stores of grain.

And king Māṇābharaṇa, who then fought against Rakkha Laṅkādhikāri, having heard of these things, was filled with grief for the loss of those he loved, as if he had been pierced by an

arrow; and he put on his armour and his weapons, and regard-
 308 less even of his life he returned to the city at night with his
 great army, and fought a fierce battle, resolved to destroy the
 309 enemy. But when his general Bodhi Laṅkādhinātha fell in the
 field of battle, he could not maintain his ground in the city of
 310 Pulatthi, and therefore he took with him the sacred Tooth-relic
 and the Alms-bowl relic, and his mother and the women of the
 palace, and departed for the Rohaṇa at night.

311 Now at that time Parakkama Báhu had left Buddhagāma and,
 312 having repaired to the neighbourhood of the city with the intent
 to set the king Gaja Báhu at liberty, had built himself a beauti-
 ful palace of two stories, and lived in the village Giritāṭa
 313 with his army and all his retinue. And it chanced that
 certain of the king's men of valour had gone to the village Tan-
 naru that they might amuse themselves there after the toils of
 314 the war; and certain of the generals of king Gaja Báhu kept the
 king behind and treacherously attacked them with violence.
 315 And when the king Parakkama Báhu heard this he was greatly
 incensed, and commanded his own chief officers to seize Gaja
 316 Báhu. Thereupon Kitti-Laṅkādhikāri and Deva-Senāpati, with
 317 a great host, proceeded to the village Tannaru, and fought three
 great battles there with the chief officers of the king Gaja Báhu,
 318 and slaughtered many of the enemy. And Nátha Nagaragiri and
 Mandi-jīvita-putthaki scattered the hosts of the enemy at the
 319 village Váluka-patta. So also at the village Tannaru, they who
 commanded the great hosts destroyed the forces of the enemy
 320 that they met, and proceeding to the village Kohomba they
 carried on the war, and slaughtered many of the enemy that were
 there, and broke down the walls of the fortress, and seized it.
 321 They scattered also many of the enemy that were armed at the
 village Ambagāma, and took possession of the fortress. And
 322 from thence they marched to Tannitittha, and, succeeding there,
 they went further, and put the enemy to flight at Antaraviṭṭhi.

323 Now at that time certain of Parakkama Báhu's commanders, at
 324 the head of a great host, lay nigh unto the city of Pulatthi, and
 Gaja Báhu's officers that Devādhikāri had led fought against
 325 them, and were defeated. Likewise also they defeated great
 numbers of the enemy at a place called Kālapilla, and destroyed
 326 them, and took up their abode at Madhúka-Vuṇagaṇṭhi. And
 they all then moved quickly in divers directions, and spread over
 327 the country with the intent to seize the king, who, when he heard
 that the armies had overwhelmed the country and were descending

upon him from all sides, and seeing none other course left to him, sent messengers to the Order of all the three Fraternities 328 that dwelt in the city of Pulatthi, saying, "I see none other 329 refuge now but in my lords : I beseech you, therefore, take compassion on me and save me in my distress." And the brethren 330 received the message and were moved with compassion, and proceeded (in a body) to Giritatāka, and went up before the presence of the king (Parakkama Báhu) ; and when they had 331 spoken civilly to each other and the king had asked them of the reason of their visit, they made answer to him in these words of peace : " The blessed and merciful Buddha hath, in divers dis- 332 courses, spoken at length of the evils of strife and of the blessings of peace. The (vanquished) king hath neither a son nor 333 any brethren ; moreover, it seemeth clear that by reason of his age he standeth now at the gates of death, insomuch that your vow 334 to establish the kingdom with the intent to advance the welfare of the country and the religion thereof will soon be fulfilled. There- 335 fore is it meet that you should abandon the strife and return to your own country, having respect to the counsels of the Order."

So the king (Parakkama Báhu), who had subdued the country with the utmost difficulty, hearkened to the words of the Order, and yielded it to the vanquished king (Gaja Báhu), and returned to his own country.

Oh, how marvellous was the fulness of his compassion !

Thus endeth the seventieth chapter, entitled " The giving away of the Kingdom," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXI.

AND the king Gaja Báhu then came to Gangátatāka and 1 made it his royal city and dwelt there in peace. There- 2 upon king Mānābharana sent presents unto him, and assayed to enter into an alliance and live with him in friendship ; but king Gaja Báhu wished not to enter into an alliance 3 with Mānābharana, and went up to the vihāra Maṇḍalagiri, and 4 made a solemn declaration there, saying, " I have given the king's country to king Parakkama." And when he had caused this to be inscribed on a table of stone he returned to Gangátatāka, 5 and died there of a certain disease with which he had been afflicted after he had reigned two and twenty years.

Thereupon the foolish ministers of king Gaja Báhu joined 6

themselves together, and caused his body to be taken to a stronghold abounding with grain, and sent messengers to king 7 Mānábharāṇa to come up quickly whilst they yet tarried there. 8 King Parakkama also, having heard of the king's death, set his army in array and came up to the city of Pulatthi.

9 And then king Mānábharāṇa, because that he had under him 10 a great host from among those who had come from the king's country and had taken refuge in Rohaṇa, and being advised thereto by wicked men, thought to himself saying, "I surely 11 will take the king's country." And being overpowered by this foolish ambition, he set out from Rohaṇa with a great host and reached the stronghold (where the generals of Gaja Báhu 12 had tarried till he should come). And Parakkama Báhu also, the ruler of the land whose valour no man could even conceive or surpass, having heard thereof, thought within himself 13 in this wise: "Even Gaja Báhu, the generous king, and his 14 chief captains had resolved not to continue the war; but the 15 people say that this Mānábharāṇa hath now come to war (against me), trusting on the vain talk of the cowards from the king's country, who had fled thither in all haste with not so much as 16 the cloth round their bodies which belonged to them. Him indeed will my ministers humble, yea, even two-fold more than the 17 humiliation that the king Gaja Báhu was made to endure. Nor 18 will I let him to cross over to this side of the river Mahāváluka."

And when the king had pondered within himself in this wise and with the wisdom and skill that he showed in making ready for war, he placed his armies with commanders over them at every ford, even from the ford of Saragāma unto the Gokanna sea.

19 Then the chief ministers of State, who were men of great wisdom, came together to the presence of the ruler of the land, and made obeisance to him with their hands lifted up to 20 their heads, and prayed that he might be anointed king. "Great 21 king," they said, "the victorious monarchs of old caused the ceremony of anointing to be performed on them even in the field of battle, that so they might impress fear and affection among the people, and that their exceeding great power and 22 majesty might be made known everywhere. Therefore also it should be the duty of our lord to preserve the customs of those great and good men, because that he is learned in the law 23 and knows its precepts. O king! although thou art young in years, yet it is hard for thy enemies to bear the weight of thy might and majesty, and to overcome the strength of thine

arm. With the dawn of thy prosperity thou wilt be able to 24
 exercise dominion over the whole continent of India, let alone
 the island of Laṅkā. From the first ages of the world unto this 25
 day has thy race continued as pure as the milk that is poured into
 a cleansed chank. Wherefore, let it please thee to ordain that 26
 the anointing be held on a day of good omens,—that anointing
 which of a certainty will bring blessings upon the whole world.”

And the king Parakkama Báhu, of thoughtful men the most 27
 excellent, whose enemies could be subdued only by his frown,
 hearkened to this request; and on a day that seemed of good 28
 omen, when the stars on the moon's path signified excellence,
 he put the crown on his head, and arrayed himself in all
 the royal apparel. And although the tidings came to him at 29
 that moment that Mānábharana had crossed over to this side of
 the river, he cared not so much as a blade of grass for him; but 30
 himself ascended the ornamented pavilion, and placing his armour
 and his weapons near him, he went in great state from his 31
 palace and, like unto a fearless lion, marched round the city, 32
 astonishing the people who were drawn to the ceremony by the
 splendour thereof, and entered the royal palace that was the
 home of the goddess of prosperity.

[This seems to be the end of the chapter. From some cause
 or another there appears to be a slight omission.]*

CHAPTER LXXII.

AT that time the great scribe Mahinda came with a great 33
 army (on Mānábharana's side) and carried on a great 34
 fight with the famous Rakkha Kesadhātu who was
 left at the ford of Sarogāma. But Rakkha Kesadhātu, the
 mighty chief of the army, like unto a lion amid a herd of 35
 elephants, slew a great number of Mahinda's mighty men in
 battle and drove away the great scribe and all his host, as doth
 the wind a tuft of cotton. And when he essayed again to cross 36
 over at the ford of Talanigāma with the intent to renew the 37
 contest, the selfsame Rakkha Kesadhātu fought a great battle
 with him and put him to flight.

In the same manner also did Buddha Kesadhātu, who was 38

* The words within brackets are remarks made by the editors of the text.
 I may add, that probably the concluding verse, which is generally either
 laudatory or hortatory, is the only one that is missing.

39 charged to defend the ford of Pūṇa, encounter the king
 40 Mānābharāṇa, when he essayed to cross that ford with the intent
 to make war; and in a fierce battle that took place with the
 commanders of Mānābharāṇa, he slew many of his mighty men
 and utterly defeated the enemy so that they wished not to return
 to cross by that ford any more.

41 Likewise also did a certain chief of a district, who was left to
 42 defend the ford of Samīrukkha, defeat the army of the chief
 captains Māyāgeha and Gaja Bhuja, who came thither to carry
 on the war, and put them to flight.

43 And a chief of Mārāgiri, by name Mattatāla, came up with an
 44 army and essayed to cross the ford called Mahārukkha; but Rāma,
 the commander who was left at Nīlagiri, which was his birth-
 place, a man of great prowess, fought a terrible battle there, and
 45 took him alive with the other mighty men who were worthy of
 being taken captive, and put the remnant to flight, who lost
 heart and desired not to fight again.

46 And a certain other chief who was left at the ford of Nālikera-
 47 vatthu fought a battle with the forces of the king their enemy,
 who sought the fight, and killed many of his men, and defeated
 and scattered on all sides the remnant of the army.

48 A certain other brave and valiant chief of a district, who was
 49 left at the ford called Anantara-bhaṇḍaka, gave battle to an
 50 exceeding great army of the king their rival, who had come to
 wage war there with the chiefs of the army, and made the field of
 battle to look like a heap of mangled flesh, and drove away the
 remnant of the army with its commander, as the wind doth a
 gathering cloud.

51 A certain other mighty commander of a district, who was
 52 chosen to defend the famous ford Kāṇatālavana, with a well-
 equipped army and materiel of war, fought fiercely with the host
 of the enemy who had come by the way of that ford to wage war,
 and defeated them so that they wished not to renew the fight.

53 And the commander Kittī-Adhikāri, who was left at the ford
 54 Yakkha-sūkara, fought a terrible battle with the enemy who
 landed there for the fight, and killed a great many men and put
 55 the remnant to flight. And while he yet held this ford, in
 obedience to the commands of the great king Parakkama, he
 56 appointed a great officer in his stead, and returned; and this
 officer also fought three times with the hosts of the enemy (who
 returned to the fight), and utterly scattered them so that they
 had not the heart to renew the fight.

And Jitagiri Santa, the great captain who defended the ford 57
Vihāra-Vejjasāla, and whose army consisted of proud and 58
haughty men, waged a terrible war with the enemy who had
come thither to cross the ford and utterly destroyed the army
of the king their rival.

And Kitti Potthakī, who was at the ford Assa-maṇḍala, and 59
Mahināma, who had a great army, and Laṅkāgiri, with his mighty 60
host—even these and other great armies destroyed the hosts of
the enemy who came against them, and returned to the king.

And the valiant men who were nigh unto the river Sakkharā- 61
laya crossed the bridge there, and entered the grove Sakkunḍa,
and straightway fought a battle and put an end to the lives of 62
many men, and brake the spirit of the enemy so that he had
not the courage to essay to break through that way any more.

Moreover, the general Saṅkha-nātha, who was left at the ford 63
of Sarogāma, checked the hosts of the king their rival who
came thither to fight through that way, and himself crossed 64
the river, and destroyed a great number of the enemy and
returned to his position. In the same manner also did a great 65
army that was left at the ford Samī make a slaughter of a great 66
number of the hosts of the enemy who essayed to cross it, and 67
thereby stop the enemy from coming any more to the attack. A
great host of the king that kept the ford at Culla-nāga destroyed
many of the enemy who essayed to cross it with their armour
and weapons of war. At Burúdatthali also the two generals 68
who were brethren withstood the attack of the enemy who
came from that side to cross it. And the great hero Rakkhā- 69
ḍhikūri, who guarded the ford Niggunḍi-vālukā, withstood a
great host who came to cross thereat, and maintained the fight 70
without ceasing for two months, and, unmoved by any fear what-
soever, destroyed them utterly.

Likewise also the mighty hero Laṅkāpura, who was known by 71
the name of Kaḍakkūda, and who had fought great battles
and become exceeding powerful, utterly destroyed a great host 72
of the enemy, and with a mighty effort utterly destroyed the
army of the enemy so that there was no hope left in them.
And Rakkhaka Saṅkha-nāyaka, the chief captain who remained 73
at Bhillapattaka Khaṇḍa, utterly routed the hosts of the enemy
who had come thither to carry on the war. A certain great 74
chief also, who was left at Titthagāma with a great army to 75
defend it, began the strife with the enemy with great vigour
when he essayed to make his way through it, and fought a very

great battle and put the enemy to flight, and so weakened him
 76 that he cared not to renew the fight; and a powerful commander,
 who had fought many great battles, and who was left at Nandi-
 gáma, drove back a great host that essayed to pass through it.

77 And the commander Déva Senápati was left at the Hedilla
 Khandā; and when the prince Mahinda came up to give battle
 there with an army that was well equipped, four times he
 78 fought with him; and he covered the field of battle with the
 bodies* of the enemy's mighty men who were slain, and brought
 79 the prince into great danger. And with his host of men and
 80 with his materiel in no wise diminished, he pursued after the
 prince as he fled with his army, and made haste and crossed the
 81 ford at Bhillagáma. And there he carried on a terrible war for
 two months, and prevailed everywhere and drove the enemy
 from their position in that place.

82 And the chief of the district who withstood the enemy at the
 ford of Málágáma, and was constrained to play the game of war
 83 ten times over, routed an exceeding great number of the enemy
 who had come thither to cross at that point, and scattered them
 like as the rising sun scattereth a thick darkness.

84 And a certain chief of a district, of great might, who was
 85 appointed to guard the ford at Golabáha, defeated the army of
 the enemy in battle that had come to fight their way through
 that ford, and put them to flight with their leader, even as a lion
 86 putteth to flight a herd of deer. A mighty chief also who was
 left at the ford Dípála, fought with the enemy and routed the
 hosts that had come to cross the river at that place.

87 And while the war was being carried on in this manner, the
 great king and best of rulers, Parakkama Báhu, of dreadful
 88 might, thought thus within himself, saying: "To the king Máná-
 bharāṇa, who hath been utterly defeated in the war here, shall I
 89 not give a resting place even in the Rohāṇa." And so the warlike
 90 king, strong in his purpose, commanded Devila and Loka,
 both of whom held the rank of Kesadhātu, and dwelt the one in
 the Mahāniyāma country and the other in the Pañca-yojana
 91 country, and A'rakkhakamma-Nátha and Kañcuki Náyaka also,
 to proceed to the Rohāṇa. And these skilful men departed thence
 in obedience to his command, like as the four great kings†
 departed in obedience to the command of king Sakka.

* Lit. skeletons.

† The gods of the lowest deva-lokas and guardians of the world of men
 under Sakra's command.

And they came to the country Navayojana,* and played the great game of war twenty times with the mighty army of the king, his adversary, that was left there. And they destroyed that great army and took Navayojana. And from thence they departed and came to the borders of Kálagiri,† and fought twenty battles with the army that was there, and took that place also. And they advanced yet further and, in like manner, took possession of Díghálíka-Mahákhetta. And when the king Máná-bharāṇa heard of these things, he divided his army in two parts and hastened one part to that place.

And it came to pass that on one occasion a certain great officer named Náráyana, a captain of the army, who had been charged to defend Anurádhapura, bethought himself foolishly that he could subdue the country and raise a fortress therein, and free himself from subjection to kings. But when king Parakkama Báhu had been informed of this matter, he thought thus within himself, saying, "Him will I root up before that he take root himself"; and the valiant king made great haste and sent Chattagáha-náyaka against him. And that great captain was moved with an ardour that durst not be compared with any man's, even like the ardour of a lion pursuing after deer or young elephants; and he went up and waged a dreadful war with him, and destroyed him and his army, and freed the country of its enemies that were like thorns unto it.

Now at this time when all the public fords round about were guarded by the great officers of the king, as if by evil spirits, so that the king Máná-bharāṇa could not cross them, they that dwelt in the king's country, who were faithful to him, showed a certain secret ford, whereby he crossed over at last to this side; and when king Parakkama Báhu heard of these things he resolved to root him up with his host on the borders of the river, and chose him a spot for a stronghold at a place called Mayúra-pásāṇa‡ and sent thither that man of exceeding great valour, the chief captain Rakkhádhikári, with a great body of soldiers and many men and chariots.

But Rakkhádhikári was displeased with the king, because that by reason of his envy it vexed him of the great favours that the grateful king Parakkama had bestowed on his adversary Deva-Senápati, in that he had given pleasure to the king mightily in a great battle that was fought by him. So he (Rakkhádhikári)

* Navadun koralé.

† Kalupahana.

‡ Monaragala.

showed not any zeal for the war. And because the fever of envy was on him he was languid and indifferent, and cared not to exert himself. And at this time a certain evil-disposed chief of the king Gaja Báhu, whom the king Parakkama had saved, accompanied the general and learned how he was really disposed towards him. And because that he had a secret understanding aforetime with the king Māṇábharaṇa, he made haste and sent a message to that king, asking him to come thither with all speed before that they began with the fortifications. And the king Māṇábharaṇa gave heed to this request, and commanded his forces to carry on the war (with zeal) in divers sides. Whereupon the prince Mahinda came up and fought at Vallitittha with the captains of the general Deva Senápati. But they slew many mighty men in the terrible fight, and soon disabled that prince and routed his army. And the king Māṇábharaṇa himself fought a great battle with Rakkhádhikári, which was fought fiercely, insomuch that sparks of fire were sent forth by the clashing of the swords, and many great and mighty men fell on both sides; nevertheless, Rakkhadhikari's forces were utterly routed. Whereupon he fought alone with his sword in hand, and slew many brave men, and himself fell dead in the field of battle.

And when the mighty and terrible king Parakkama Báhu heard of this event, his lotus-face beamed with a smile, and he communed with himself, saying, "While I live, what profiteth me the living or the dead? The lion seeketh not a companion to rend him an elephant. Now, therefore, shall I in very war fulfil the desire of my arms which have, for a long time, longed fondly for battle? And soon shall I take to myself, as a man doth a wife, this kingdom which hath been defiled by its connection with many kings whose ways were evil, after that I have cleansed it with a stream of blood from the bodies of the enemy and purified it in war. Verily it shall become a glorious hall wherein heroes like unto me might display their skill.* As the sun needeth not a firebrand, so also to me, who am the destroyer of the enemies who surround me like a thick darkness, what profiteth it the help of another power?" And when he had pondered with

* In the original the words are combined in the form of a metaphor, in which the author alludes to *Lapká* as a female that had been defiled by contact with wicked sovereigns, and whom the king intends to wed after having washed her in the blood of her enemies.

himself in this wise, he appeared on the field of battle like a fifth sun* over the great sea of the hosts of the king his enemy. And this chief among the judges of harmony went thither and tarried there and gave ear to the songs of the singing women, enjoying the delightful strains of their sweet melody.

At that time the chief officers of Parakkama Báhu, as they pursued after the hosts of the enemy, met with the king (Máná-bharaṇa) as he returned from pursuing after the great army (of Parakkama) that was routed, and fought a terrible battle at the village Badaravalli, and defeated the victorious army of Máná-bharaṇa, and hotly pursued after them. But their army was greatly diminished by reason of the losses they had suffered from the attacks ; and although they killed also a great number of the enemy they dispersed themselves and turned their faces backwards with the intent to return to their own country ; whereupon the great army of the enemy took heart, and increased their efforts two-fold. Then the commanders of Parakkama left them that were wounded to the care of physicians, and began to retreat with the army ; but Parakkama met the host as it retreated and looked at it with a scornful smile on his face. And then he frowned on the officers who commanded his bearers not to advance, and commanded his officers to stand still, and sent the bearers away, and turned his face towards the enemy. And that so he might commemorate the happy union of valour and good fortune, and send forth his sword like a messenger into the field of battle, the mighty hero bethought him that he would hold the festival of war, and shouted to his armour-bearer, saying, " Bring hither to me a Sīḥalese sword." And the armour-bearer understood it not, but brought the Indian sword called Pátava, saying it was a Sīḥalese sword. But he cried out saying, " Say not to me that this is a sword of Sīḥalese handiwork ; it is one that hath power (in my hands) to put an end to all the kings of India. Lay this apart and bring me quickly a sword of Sīḥalese handiwork." And when he had thus spoken, lo ! a fearful sword of Sīḥalese handiwork was forthwith brought unto him ; and the king, who was like unto a haughty elephant when he subdueth his foes, considered in his heart that there was not a man in all the island who could even place in his hand a (proper) weapon, and looked at the faces of Rakkha Kesadhātu and

* Alluding to the seven suns that are said to rise in succession at the destruction of the world, the fifth drying up the waters of the deep.

- 140 Nátha Nagaragiri who stood nigh unto him. Thereupon they
 141 twain understood what the king's gesture meant, and, like unto
 lions in courage, they rushed into the midst of the host of the
 enemy. And these men, whose courage was to be compared to
 no man, entered the field of battle and seemed to the enemy as if
 142 they numbered thousands; and from noon till the darkness
 came on did they continue the fierce strife that was horrible to
 behold because of the bodies of the enemy that were hewn in
 143 twain by the blows with the sword-cuts. Then the great officers
 joined hands together and raised them to their foreheads, and
 144 saluting the king spake unto him, saying, "O lord of men, the
 145 great host is broken! We were indeed only a few who fought
 against it; but nevertheless that we were few in number, we
 allowed not the goddess of fortune to turn her face away from us
 as we engaged in this great fight. It seemed also that the sun
 had hid himself behind the western mountain as if terrified at
 146 the sight of the battle. Let us, therefore, go back to the city of
 Pulatthi and vanquish the enemy in the morning. This is not the
 147 time for fighting." But as soon as the king heard this counsel
 he rejected it, as he longed to pass the night in that very place
 and renew the fight in the morning.
- 148 Then the brave king laid him down to sleep for a moment; and
 in that moment (while he yet slept) the officers began to bear
 149 him to the city of Pulatthi. But in the middle of the night,
 when they arrived at the Pañca Vihára, the king awoke and
 150 enquired saying, "What place is this?" And when they told
 him that it was the Pañca Vihára, the chief of men waxed wroth,
 151 and said, "You have surely done a wrong thing in that you have
 brought me hither while I lay asleep"; and, as he wished to take
 all his retinue with him so that no man should be left behind,
 152 he tarried there a short time (to make ready), and caused the
 village to resound with the blast of chanks and the sound of
 the five kinds of instruments of music; and when he had himself
 153 examined the retinue that had come with him, he sent them
 forward, and himself followed behind, and reached the city of
 Pulatthi at dawn.
- 154 And afterwards Parakkama Báhu, who by his unsurpassing
 courage had subdued the earth, heard (the following tidings)
 when the sun, who was the firstborn of his race, arose (in the
 155 morning), to wit: That at the ford called Billa the chief captains
 of his army Deva Senápati and Kitti Adhikári with their great hosts
 156 had encountered Nátha A'dhikári, Prince Mahinda, Sukha Senápati,

Nátha Lapkágiri, and others (the chief captains of Máná- 157
 bharana), and had with their armies crossed that ford and given
 battle ; that they (his chief captains) had maintained showers of
 arrows without ceasing, and, after that they had killed Sukha 158
 Senápati and Nátha Lapkágiri with many of their strong men,
 they pursued after Náth A'dhikári and Prince Mahinda, as they 159
 retreated with their hosts ; but when they entered into the 160
 midst of the enemy's country, the whole army of the enemy and
 the inhabitants of the country made the roads so that no man
 could pass by them, and surrounded them on all sides. And 161
 when the great conqueror heard these tidings he prepared to go
 thither that he might rescue them, because that he was always
 intent on brave deeds. Thereupon the great officers who were 162
 with him raised up their hands in supplication to hinder the
 king who was so eager for the strife. (And they spake to him,
 saying), "O Ruler of men ! Except in thy exceeding glory that 163
 cannot easily be surpassed, verily have we no other help what-
 soever. The inhabitants of the country, yea, even all of them, 164
 have gone over to the enemy. It is meet, therefore, that we should
 go hence to Nandamúla and begin the fight from that place." 165
 With such and other deceitful sayings of the kind did they hinder
 the ruler of men from going forward. And they departed thence
 and set out on their journey with the king. But the inhabitants 166
 in the neighbourhood of Nandamúla (who were armed), seeing that
 the king came attended only with a few followers, began to pour 167
 showers of arrows upon them from every side ; whereupon the
 king stopped at a place called Karavála-giri and sent unto them 168
 a few of his valiant officers in whom he trusted, and caused
 that armed body of men to turn from their resolve, and make not
 further resistance to him. And then, commanding his followers to 169
 advance, and himself proceeding behind them, this great and
 wise king reached Jambukola. And setting out from thence he 170
 went forward with the intent to rescue Deva Senápati, and entered
 into a place called Navagámapura. Now at this time Deva 171
 Senápati and Kitti Adhikári, because that they had followed not 172
 the counsel of the king, endured much privation with their armies,
 and abandoned the struggle, and gave themselves up to the enemy
 at the village Surulla. And as they knew that the king had 173
 set out to rescue them, and wishing to hinder him from so doing,
 they sent messengers to him saying, "Here are we in the 174
 midst of this great country, fallen into the hands of the enemy ;
 and none help have we save in our lord's exceeding great

175 valour. The inhabitants of the country also have set their
 176 faces against us and are on the side of the enemy. Nevertheless, we doubt not that if our lord's exceeding great glory should
 continue he will bring this land that the sea surroundeth under
 one canopy of dominion, and ensure the prosperity of the king-
 177 dom and the religion thereof. And if there be such good fortune
 for us that we may have the comfort of beholding again thy
 178 lotus-like feet, then indeed shall we escape. But O ye who are
 the defenders of the four tribes and of the sacred Orders!
 179 abandon your resolve to come hither, and turn back." And when
 the wise and prudent king heard this message, he perceived that
 evil would befall them even before he could accomplish his
 180 journey thither; and being moreover entreated thereto by all his
 ministers with uplifted hands, he wisely refrained from going, and
 went to the city called Vikkama.

181 Now, at this time, when it had come to the ears of the great
 officers that king Mānābharāṇa had joined his forces together
 and had come to the city of Pulatthi, and setting out from
 182 thence had arrived at a place called Giritāṭa, and when they had
 183 heard also other tidings of this kind, they told them, every word,
 even as they had heard them, to the king, and also how that the
 army had been utterly destroyed in the divers great battles that
 184 they had fought with the enemy; and then they declared that it
 was prudent to go to the city of Parakkama or to the village of
 Kalyāṇi, and to begin the war again after that they had got
 together an army.

185 And when the king had heard this counsel, like unto a lion
 he displayed the fire of his anger that could be discerned by the
 frown which like unto smoke gathered on his brow; and he spake
 186 thus: "Let them that fear go whithersoever they choose: we need
 them not. To such as I am, there are even great hosts in the
 187 strength of our arms. While I live, it seemeth to me that there
 is not one in the three worlds, even to the chief of the gods, who
 188 will venture to cross the bounds of my dominion. No king who
 is an enemy unto me will dare to set foot in the kingdom wherein
 I am established, even as an elephant will not, in the cave that
 189 is guarded by a lion. Who is there that becometh not a hero
 by a glance of mine eye? And if but I so desire it, even the
 190 babes and sucklings would fight on my side. Lo! within two
 months or three, not only will I drive the king Mānābharāṇa out
 of the king's country, but I will shut him out also from his own.
 191 Yea, it is even in such a pass as this, when all things seem hopeless,

that the strong arm of heroes like unto me availeth something." With such bold words as these did he give courage to those whose hearts had failed them. And then the skilful warrior sent the captains Rakkha Adhikári and A'di Potthaki that they might take up a position at the village Maṅgalaba.

And then the king, whose fame was great and who knew how to command, bestowed offices on such as were worthy of them, and chose him as officers Rakkha the chief secretary, Mandijivita Potthaki, Saṅkhadhata, and the generals Kitti who were brethren, to serve under him. And to these officers the great king entrusted a mighty army, and sent them to Pillaviṭṭhi to subdue the great districts that adjoin Kálavápi. Likewise also did this exceeding great and mighty man place Mārágiri and Nigrodha at Uddhavápi with a great host. Moreover, he left in divers places bodies of fighting men with captains over them to carry on the war at divers points.

Now, at that time, the chief secretary Mandi went at the command of Māṇabharāṇa to the place called Janapada, to make war ; but the fighting men of Janapada, who were skilled in the game of war, fought with him and put him to flight ; and being thereby discouraged he renewed not the contest. And that host sent tidings of what had happened to king Parakkama while he tarried at Nálānda, and took his pleasure there like unto the chief of the gods, and also daily performed many great and good deeds. Afterwards the commanders who were set at Pillaviṭṭhi with Rakkha, the chief secretary, at their head, fought a terrible battle for eight days with Buddhanátha, Māhálana, and Deva Senápati, the generals of Māṇabharāṇa who occupied Kálavápi, and killed many strong men and put the remnant to flight, and also took possession of Kálavápi, and speedily cleared the place of the thorn-like foe ; and, in obedience to the command of Parakkama Báhu, they fortified the place and tarried there with the army.

And Nigrodha Mārágiri, who was set at Uddhavápi, also gave battle three times and broke the enemy's forces. And then he fortified himself in a grove at the village Tannaru, and tarried there with the army according to the command of the great king.

Thereupon king Māṇabharāṇa bestowed honours and much territory on the prince Mahinda, and said unto him : " Go thou with a great host in the direction of the country Moravápi and tarry in the noble city of Anurádhapura that so we might seize the southern

part of the country, and I will proceed to Pallavavála that so
 211 I might from thence move towards Buddhagáma." And he gave
 212 Mahinda a great army first, and sent him to the beautiful city
 of Anurádhapura, but he himself tarried behind, even where
 213 he was, in the king's country. And the chief officers who were
 214 placed at Kálavápi heard that prince Mahinda had advanced
 with a great army to Anurádhapura, and they desired greatly
 to defeat his purpose before he could establish himself there.
 215 So they placed the great secretary Rakkha and Kitti Bhaṇḍára
 Potthaki to defend Kálavápi, and of their own accord they
 216 proceeded thence with their armies and their equipage to the
 place called Kápmúla, and built a stronghold there and occu-
 217 pied it together. And the king Parakkama heard thereof, and,
 being a cautious man and one whose cunning in war failed him
 218 not, he sent messengers unto them, saying, "Ye are men of none
 219 experience in the country, go not therefore without my command
 into the heart of the country to carry on the war." Thus did
 the wise and far-seeing king, with authority like unto the god
 220 Sakka, send forth his command. But the foolish officers were
 impatient, and went thither even against the king's command,
 221 saying "We shall soon take Anurádhapura." And those
 222 among them who were not fortunate would not be advised by
 the king's message, and not being skilled in action nor in
 devising devices, proceeded to the place called Kaṭuvandu, as if
 they sought after the consequences of disobeying the king's
 223 command. And when they had arrived there, they did many
 wicked things in divers parts of the great country, by reason of
 224 which their forces were scattered on all sides. Thereupon the
 prince Mahinda, hearing of their doings, took counsel with his
 officers, and, gathering together his forces around him, commenced
 225 the fight with them. But, inasmuch as Parakkama's army lacked
 unity, the prince Mahinda broke and utterly routed it in the field of
 226 battle. And the leaders thereof returned to Kálavápi with their
 forces shattered, as if they had only then remembered the
 227 king's command which they had not regarded. And the prince
 then returned to Anurádhapura and gathered together an army
 228 of his fellow-countrymen. And as he was now powerful he sent
 them to Kálavápi to seize it, which was his great desire. And
 when the lord of the land, whose wisdom was great, heard
 229 thereof, he made haste and sent thither Bhúta Bhaṇḍára Potthaki
 at the head of many hosts of mighty men of valour whom he
 230 had carefully chosen. And they all joined themselves together,

and for the space of three months maintained an exceeding fierce contest day after day. And these skilful men despised not the king's counsel, but continued to fight vigorously, and broke in pieces Mahinda's four-fold army. And they took the great country round about, and remained at Kālavāpi, even where they then were, mindful of the king's command.

Then the prince Mahinda, being puffed up with his success in the unequal struggle that he had with those who had obeyed not the king's command, came himself, ready for the strife. But a certain captain who was left at the place called Moravāpi, set not at naught the counsel of the far-sighted king, and drew up his forces on both sides of the road; and when all the hosts of the enemy had entered within their lines, they closed on them from all sides and kept up a terrible fight. And they made an end of the lives of many captains and leaders, and put the prince to flight, and sent unto the king the heads of many of the enemy that had been slain in the field of battle.

Thereupon the mighty and terrible king Parakkama Báhu gathered together his armies that were set at divers places. And that he might drive the king Māṇabharana out of the king's country, he placed Rakkha, the great secretary, and Añjana, the chief of works, at Kyānagāma, and sent forward Kittipotthaki and Rakkha Adhikāri to the village Maṅgalaba. And he sent companies of hunters and robbers, and such as were accustomed to the fastnesses of the forest and the mountain, and to roaming at night, and caused them to destroy (the enemy's) men by day and night, wheresoever they found them. And so greatly did they disquiet the king Māṇabharana and harass the city, that the inhabitants of Pulatthi, like unto birds that were made captive in a cage, feared to come out of their houses even in the daytime; neither were they who had been for a long time in want of fuel and water able to do the works that were needful, because that all the grass and the plants had been rooted out. Yea, everything that was in each man's house was destroyed; even all the divers stuffs in the markets on the borders of the city were cut off, and, by reason of the constant tumult that was raised by this war of kings in the streets that led to the town, the whole city trembled with fear, even to the court of the king's palace.

Then the king Māṇabharana, being sorely vexed, and filled with anxious thoughts, communed with himself in this wise: "Alas! If we flee into the Rohana the people of the king's

country who dwell there, seeing that we are weakened and in flight, will not permit us to remain there, that so they might
 251 show their fealty to the king Parakkama. On the contrary, it is even difficult for us to remain here, where we now are, by reason
 252 of the distress that we endure by day and night. It is therefore meet for us that we should engage in a fierce battle with the enemy, and partake of the pleasure (of victory) or suffer the
 253 misery (of defeat) that would happen therefrom." And when he had thus resolved he stirred himself up for the fight and put his four-fold army in battle array, and proceeded to Pallava-válaka.

254 Thereupon the king Parakkama Báhu, who was brave like
 255 unto a lion and prudent in action, when he heard everything
 256 concerning this movement, desired greatly to drive away the army of the enemy that came from that side, and sent Lan-kápura, the two generals who were brethren, and Lokagalla, by three ways, having before instructed them in the divers stratagems of
 257 warfare. And these mighty men went thither, and kept the enemy engaged daily in exceeding great encounters for the space of one month.

258 Then was the king Máñábharaṇa's distress increased two-fold ; and he thought within himself, saying, "Our strongholds have
 259 we quitted and come hither with the intent to give battle ; but even here is there no hope for us. Verily our misfortune hath
 260 taken firm root, and increaseth daily. Instead of contenting ourselves with the good or the evil that would have been our portion in the wilderness, have we ventured to come hither, and are therefore well served in that we are brought to such great
 261 misery. Should we then endeavour again to return thither ?
 262 But that also is now an exceeding hard matter. Nor is it right
 263 for us to tarry in a place where we are hemmed in by the great hosts of the enemy who occupy divers places on the highway. Let us therefore, inquire of them that are familiar with the country and go about among the hosts of the enemy, and proceed by some secret path which peradventure they might show us."
 264 And when he had determined in this wise, he inquired of them that dwelt in the country, and went by the way that they showed him to the village Konduruva.

265 Thereafter Rakkhā Adhikári, mindful of the king's counsel,
 266 held possession of the village Mihirāṇa-Bibbila. And he put up posts, pointed like unto arrow-heads, and fixed them firmly in the ground, joining the one with the other, that so they might

not be shaken even by elephants. And on the outside thereof, 267
he put up huge posts, greater in size than the rest, and placed
them close together on the ground, that so there might not be
any fissures, and bound them crosswise with poles. Moreover, 268
he caused a moat to be dug between the two stockades, twenty
or thirty cubits in breadth, the circumference whereof was equal
to the measure of one hundred men with their hands raised,
and he laid sharp spikes and thorns therein. On the ground 269
outside thereof, he also fixed rows of spikes, and made a fence
of thorns along it without gap or opening; and between them 270
also he made a trench as before, and in it also he made rows 271
of spikes and thorns, and caused the ground outside the fence
to be dug, and thus formed a trench so deep that it reached
the water. And he covered the bottom of it with spikes and 272
thorns. At the same time also he caused the forest beyond the 273
trench to be cleared to a distance of two or three bow-shots; and
outside this space, where there were secret paths, he dug pits,
and spread the bottoms thereof thickly with sharp thorns, and 274
covered them all over with dry leaves and sand that so they
might appear passable. And in order that he might utterly 275
destroy the enemy who ventured to come from that side, he caused 276
secret paths to be made round about it, and placed sharp-
shooting bowmen therein. He then built a tower of four stories 277
in the middle of the fortress, and set archers on the top thereof
in divers places. Thereafter, in order that he might tempt the 278
enemy's hosts to draw near unto the fortress, he sent forth
two or three thousand archers skilled in the use of the bow.
And they cunningly feigned that they were driven back by a 279
shower of arrows that they could not resist which the enemy had 280
poured out on them on all sides as they came forth to meet them,
pursuing after them as they stood still (and turning round and
fleeing from them when they pursued after them). And when
the enemy had come sufficiently nigh unto the fortifications,
many thousands of good and valiant men, skilled in warfare, 281
armed themselves quickly, and rushed forth on the enemy like 282
unto so many elephants, and fought like the hosts of the king
of Death that had appeared against them. Then the showers 283
of arrows began to pour down on all sides; and they that were
placed on the top of the tower began to shoot their arrows on
those that were on the ground.

(And now the battle waxed hot), and stones without number 284
were seen, hurled from engines, that flew about on every side.

285 And the heat of the fire of the reeds that were lighted and
 286 thrown among the enemy could not be endured, nor the many
 burning javelins bound with chains with which they harassed
 them. And this cruel work lasted for seven days.

287 Thus did the noble officers of the great king carry on the
 288 war with zeal according to his commands. Then, of a sudden,
 were the hosts of the enemy with their kings broken up and
 destroyed, like the billows of the sea when they dash themselves
 289 upon the shore, the one after the other ; and the king (Māṇábha-
 rana) and his army on the field of battle resembled the (fading)
 moon and the stars at the rising of the sun.

290 Moreover, they weakened the hosts of the enemy in the terrible
 war that they had ceased not to wage at Rajata-kedára for six
 291 months. Then the king Māṇábharaṇa began to build him a for-
 tress with an encampment, after that he had covered the ground
 292 outside with thorns. Thereupon the lotus-eyed king Parakkama
 Báhu, resolute and lofty in wisdom, pondered the design with
 293 care, and being also skilled in the stratagems of war, thought
 in this wise : " If now, he purposeth to raise a fortress, it
 294 seemeth to me that it is but a feint, for his forces are now
 weakened ; and he intendeth of a surety to retreat. Now is
 295 the time, therefore, to seize him. And for this end it is
 meet that I also should go thither in such a manner that
 he would not know aught thereof, lest otherwise he escape."

296 And when he had thus resolved he set out from the city called
 297 Vikkama, feigning that he desired to go out hunting, and
 298 reached Kyánagáma, surrounded by a band of musicians. And
 the wise king, who delighted in the strains of Vínás and flutes
 and songs, tarried in that village, taking his pleasure like unto
 299 Sakka. Then the lord of the land sent messengers to Rakkha
 Adhikári, commanding him to make ready a force and to engage
 himself quickly in battle with Buddha Náyaka, the chief
 300 captain of Māṇábharaṇa. And the great king's commander
 301 (Rakkha), who was a man of great mind and obedient withal, gave
 due heed to the king's wish that was conveyed to him, and straight-
 way made ready an army skilled in war, which was able to blow
 away the enemy like a blast of wind which bloweth away the cotton.

302 And that army of four divisions proceeded to Rajatá-kedára,
 303 and fought a great battle there until the going down of the sun.
 And they slew Buddha Náyaka and the other captains, and put
 the remnant of the army to flight, and passed the night at that
 304 place. And when the skilful ruler heard the tidings thereof,

he went to the village Mihirāṇa-Bibbila; and called unto him 305
 Kāḍakkūḍa Laṇkāpura, an officer of exceeding great might, and
 the two chief captains who were brethren, and spake unto them,
 saying, "The king Māṇābharaṇa, whose heart is bowed down 306
 with great fear, will of a certainty flee from hence this night.
 Do ye, therefore, go before him and hinder him by stopping 307
 the road by which he would escape." The discerning king spake
 thus unto them and sent them on this errand. But as they went, 308
 while the clouds yet poured down torrents of rain and ceased
 not, and in the thick darkness of the black night, they were not 309
 able to overtake the king Māṇābharaṇa, who fled from them with
 great fear.

For on that day did the king Māṇābharaṇa think thus within 310
 himself: "This day there is heard in the camp of the enemy's 311
 hosts a great and terrible uproar, like unto the rolling of the great
 sea. It seemeth therefore to me that the king, mine enemy, hath
 come into the camp. Of a certainty, then, shall I fall into his 312
 hands, who have never before submitted to any man, if I tarry
 here at night and escape not forthwith. It is well, therefore, that 313
 I should depart hence and let none of my followers know aught
 thereof." And as he was bowed down by fear, he resolved in this
 wise; and, leaving his children behind him, while the rain fell 314
 fast and the darkness around him grew thick and heavy, he 315
 departed, falling oftentimes into deep pits hither and thither, and
 starting with fear while his feet stumbled over the thickets of
 the forest. And, with a mind sore troubled with fear, he came 316
 at last to the banks of the Mahāvāluka river. And here he 317
 thought thus within himself: "If, peradventure, I cross by a
 ford that is well known to the enemy and make my escape
 thence, then shall he pursue after me and take me alive." So 318
 thinking, he crossed the river with much difficulty by an un-
 known ford, and was forthwith relieved of the anxiety of his
 mind; but as he trusted not even the people that dwelt in the 319
 country, he fled in fear and disguise from village to village,
 until he entered undisguised into his own country.

Thereupon the mighty men of king Parakkama, who were 320
 set in divers places, heard of Māṇābharaṇa's flight and rejoiced
 greatly. They waved their garments aloft in thousands, and 321
 lighted hundreds of thousands of torches around, and put many 322
 thousands of the strong men of the enemy to death. They
 clapped their hands, and shouted and leaped about for joy. And 323
 then they all entered at once from every side into the fortress that

324 the king Mānābharāṇa had held, and took the prince Sirivallabha
 who had been left there, and many other great officers also,
 325 alive. They seized much treasure also that belonged to the king
 their enemy, that was scattered in divers places, and took many
 326 elephants and horses and armour and weapons; and after that
 they had set guards over such of them as required to be watched,
 327 they all pursued after the king Mānābharāṇa. And when they
 328 arrived at the river Mahāvaluka, they forthwith slew the hosts
 329 of the enemy that they found there also in confusion, and made
 a river of flesh and blood out of the army of the enemy. Then
 they resolved firmly; saying, "Even unto the sea shall we proceed
 330 to seize the king Mānābharāṇa, and cease not otherwise." But
 while they set off, Parakkama Bāhu, whose arm was proud and
 mighty, and whose commands none dared to transgress, sent
 messengers unto them that they should not cross over to the
 other side of the river, and thereby stopped them from pursuing
 331 any further. Thereafter, Parakkama Bāhu, who vanquishes all
 kings that oppose him, arrayed himself with all the ornaments
 332 of the kingly office, and surrounded by his army, and followed by
 333 the prince Sirivallabha, entered the beautiful city of Pulatthi,
 filling the whole heaven with shouts of victory, like unto the
 victorious king of the gods as he entered his abode in the heavens
 after his battle with the spirits of evil.

334 And after this the king Mānābharāṇa approached the end
 of his days by reason of a disease that had come upon him
 335 through fear of the king Parakkama Bāhu. And as he lay on
 his deathbed in great pain, amidst the women of his household
 336 who bewailed him with uplifted hands, he called the prince
 Kitti Sirimegha and his ministers also into his presence, and
 337 spake these words unto them, saying: "Many treasures that
 the faithful had offered up to the holy Tooth-relic and the
 338 sacred Alms-bowl of Buddha have I taken, and divers villages
 also that belonged to the Order have I destroyed, because that
 339 the lust of dominion had overpowered me. But now I have
 laid me down on a bed from the which I shall not rise up
 again. And even after that I am dead and have departed from
 340 this world, whither indeed can I look for salvation? Do not,
 therefore, bring yourselves to ruin as I have done; but go up
 341 to the king Parakkama and do as he shall bid you, and live
 in obedience to his commands." And when he had spoken
 342 these words he wept bitterly, and, as if it moved him to go
 unto the place whither the good soldiers of the great king

Parakkama would not desire to follow him, he set out for the fortress of the Ruler of Hell.

And when the king Parakkama Báhu, who had joined to him- 343
 self a number of goodly followers, heard of the death of king
 Mánábharaṇa, he commanded that Kittī Sirimegha should be 344
 brought from thence. Then the great ministers assembled
 themselves together, and made great obeisance unto the noble- 345
 minded king, and prayed that it might please the king to appoint
 a day for the feast of the coronation. And the king, being now 346
 freed from his enemies, held the great feast of the coronation 347,
 under a good star and a prosperous hour. And on that day the
 deafening sound of divers drums was terrible, even as the rolling
 of the ocean when it is shaken to and fro by the tempest at the
 end of the world. And the elephants, decked with coverings 348
 of gold, made the street before the palace to look as if clouds had
 descended thereon with flashes of lightning; and with the 349
 prancing of the steeds of war the whole city on that day 350
 seemed to wave even like the sea. And the sky was wholly
 shut out of sight with rows of umbrellas of divers colours and
 with lines of flags of gold. And there was the waving of
 garments and the clapping of hands. And the inhabitants of 351
 the city shouted saying "Live! O live! Great King!" And 352
 there was feasting over the whole land, which was filled with
 arches of plantains intermingled with rows of flower-pots; and
 hundreds of minstrels chanted songs of praise, and the air was 353
 filled with the smoke of sweet incense. Many persons also
 arrayed themselves in cloths of divers colours and decked in orna-
 ments of divers kinds; and the great soldiers who were practised 354
 in war, mighty men, armed with divers kinds of weapons, and
 with the countenance of graceful heroes, moved about hither and
 thither like unto elephants that had broken asunder their bonds.

By reason of the many archers also, who walked about with 355
 their bows in their hands, it seemed as if an army of gods had
 visited the land; and the city with its multitude of palaces, 356
 gorgeously decorated with gold and gems and pearls, seemed
 like unto the firmament that is studded with stars.

And this mighty king, with eyes that were long like the lily, 357
 caused many wonderful and marvellous things to be displayed,
 and adorned himself with divers ornaments, and ascended a 358
 golden stage supported on the backs of two elephants that were
 covered with cloth of gold. And he bore on his head a crown 359
 that shone with the rays of gems, like as the eastern mountain

- 360 beareth the glorious and rising sun. And casting into the shade the beauty of spring by the strength of his own beauty, he drew tears of joy from the eyes of the beautiful women of the city.
- 361 And he marched round the city, beaming with the signs of happiness, and, like unto the god with the thousand eyes, entered the beauteous palace of the king.
- 362 Thus did this ruler of the world of men make every quarter and every point thereof one scene of feasting; and this king Parakkama Báhu, whose dominion now was supreme, held the ceremony of his second inauguration in the second year (after that he had held the first).

Thus endeth the seventy-second chapter, entitled "The Festival of the Coronation," in the Mahāvansa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

- 1 **A**FTERWARDS the king Parakkama who had been duly
 2 anointed king, being endued with much wisdom and
 3 become eminent among those who understood what was
 good for the people, thus thought within himself: "In times past
 were these people much oppressed by kings of old, in that they
 placed a heavy yoke on them by unjust taxes that they levied
 on them and by other similar burdens, from which arose great
 grievances. And they were led astray (from the path of duty)
 by love and hate, and fear and ignorance, and sought not to
 govern for the good and the advancement of the church and
 the kingdom, albeit that subjects should be so governed that
 4 their happiness may thereby be increased. And the religion of
 5 the great Sage has now for a long time past been shaken to
 6 its foundations with hundreds of heresies, and broken up by
 reason of the disputes of the three Fraternities, and ministered
 to by crowds of monks who know not any shame, but whose object
 it is to fill their bellies, so that it hath come to pass that the
 religion of Buddha hath fallen to decay before even the five
 thousand years have passed for which, according to his prophecy,
 it was to endure. But these things must be so ordained that
 7 the religion shall endure for a long time. Again also, there are
 men of great families who have been utterly ruined and are
 scattered everywhere, who should be restored to their positions
 8 and defended according to the custom. And more also, there are
 the poor whom I should feed by giving alms unto them, as the

cloud that is gathered from the four corners of the heavens poureth down the shower of rain that ceaseth not. All these 9 things had I meditated as the fruit of my labours when I strove with great difficulty to establish the kingdom. Now, therefore, is 10 the time to order these things according to my desire." And when he had resolved thus, he commenced the work by bestowing offices on them that were deserving of them. And then he caused the 11 poor to assemble by beat of drums, and gave unto them a feast of alms for which he expended precious things equal to his weight in the balance; and this feast he caused to be observed every year. Thereafter the king assembled a great 12 body of the monks that belonged to the three Fraternities, that so he might order their affairs to advance the welfare of the Church. Likewise also, he assembled many great doctors, 13 learned in the ways of searching into the guilt or innocence of persons who had committed crimes and offences. And as he 14 was himself the foremost among them that were learned in the laws of the Church, and was able to distinguish between the true and false views of things, he made inquiry concerning such as were pure and such as were impure among the recluses. And 15 as he took not part with the one side or the other, and was moved neither by love nor by hatred, but was diligent and constant in duty both by day and night, the wise king, in that 16 he was able to discern the fitness of things, like unto a skilful physician or surgeon who carefully considereth the diseases that could be healed and such as could not, restored such as 17 he could unto the Order, and sent them away whose diseases could not be cured. And this union of the three brotherhoods 18 who had set their faces against each other and stirred up divers 22 disputes, was not wholly effected, even though many kings had tried to do so from the time of Vattagāmaṇi Abhaya up to this day. But this wise king, whose mind was set against injustice, in that he acted according to the manner laid down in the Vinaya, and in former births had held fast to the hope of purging the religion, endured two-fold more hardship than he did while he established the kingdom, and brought about a union whereby the religion of the Conquerer might continue for five thousand years in a state of purity, like unto the water of the milky ocean.*

Afterwards this chief of men erected in the middle of the city 23 a square hall facing the four quarters, with divers rooms of

* This subject is more fully detailed in chap. LXXVIII., vv. 1—27.
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24 great size, and established a charity with all the things that were
needful thereunto, so that many hundreds of pious monks
25 might be fed there daily; and this ruler of men, who was
well pleased with them, failed not yearly to give unto them
garments and robes according to their standing in the Order.
26 Then, in the four quarters of the city he built four Alms-halls,
duly defined and separated from each other, and furnished
27 with many vessels made of metal, and pillows and cushions,
28 and mats, coverlets, and beds; and for the use of those halls
29 he gave thousands of cows that yielded good milk. Then he
planted gardens near them of exceeding beauty, delightful like
those of heaven, with fountains of pure water, and ornamented
30 with rows of trees bearing divers flowers and fruit. He built
also many storehouses near them, filled with much grain, and
supplied with candied sugar, treacle, honey, and all things of
31 that kind; and this wise and firm and spirited king stinted
32 not, but, with a heart full of joy, caused a great distribution of
33 alms to be made daily to many thousands of pious and devout
monks who came from the four quarters of the land, and to
Brahmans, and to begging minstrels, and to very many other
34 poor beggars. And this ruler of men built further a large hall
that could contain many hundreds of sick persons, and provided
35 it also with all things that were needful, as stated underneath.
36 To every sick person he allowed a male and a female servant,
that they might minister to him by day and by night, and
furnish him with the physic that was necessary, and with divers
37 kinds of food. And many storehouses also did he build therein,
filled with grain and other things, and with all things that
38 were needful for medicine. And he also made provision for the
39 maintenance of wise and learned physicians who were versed in
all knowledge and skilled in searching out the nature of diseases.
And he took care to discern the different wants of the sick, and
caused the physicians to minister to them, as seemed necessary,
40 both by day and night. And it was his custom, on the four
Sabbaths (Uposatha days) of every month, to cast off his king's
41 robes and, after that he had solemnly undertaken to observe
the precepts, to purify himself and put him on a clean garment,
42 and visit that hall together with his ministers. And, being
endued with a heart full of kindness, he would look at the
sick with an eye of pity, and, being eminent in wisdom and
43 skilled in the art of healing, he would call before him the
physicians that were employed there and inquire fully of the

manner of their treatment. And if so be that it happened that 44
 the treatment that they had pursued was wrong, the king, who 45
 was the best of teachers, would point out wherein they had erred,
 and, giving reasons therefor, would make clear to them the course
 that they should have pursued according to science ; also, to some
 sick persons he would give physic with his own hands. Like-
 wise also he would inquire of the health of all those that were 46
 sick, and unto such as were cured of their diseases he would
 order raiment to be given. And as he desired greatly to gain 47
 merit, he would partake of merit at the hands of the physicians,
 and impart his own merit to them,† and then return to his
 own palace. In this manner, indeed, did this merciful king, 48
 free from disease himself, cure the sick of their divers diseases
 from year to year.

But there yet remaineth another marvel to relate, the like of 49
 which had neither been seen nor heard of before. A certain raven 50
 that was afflicted with a canker on his face and was in great
 pain, entered the hospital of the king, whose store of great good-
 ness was distributed to all alike. And the raven, as if he had 51
 been bound by the spell of the king's great love for suffering
 creatures, quitted not the hospital, but remained there as if its
 wings were broken, cawing very piteously. Thereupon the 52
 physicians, after they had found out what his true disease was,
 took him in by the king's command and treated him ; and after 53
 he was healed of his disease the king caused him to be carried
 on the back of an elephant round the whole city, and then set
 him free. Verily, kindness such as this, even when shown unto 54
 beasts, is exceeding great. Who hath seen such a thing, or
 where or when hath it been heard before ?

Thereafter the king Parakkama Báhu, who had gained the 55
 love of all good men, began with great vigour to enlarge and 56
 adorn the famous city of Pulatthi which (had then been brought
 low and) was a city but in name and could not show forth the
 exceeding greatness and majesty of the king. And from that time 57
 forth the protector of the land began to surround the city with 58
 fortifications ; and outside the belt of the city-wall of former kings
 he caused a great chain of ramparts to be built, exceeding high,
 and greatly embellished it with plaster work, so that it was as

† *Patti*. In Buddhism the meritorious acts of one person may be partici-
 pated in by another by the exercise of sympathy, goodwill, &c., and both he
 who gives and he who receives are supposed to be benefited thereby, if they
 do it in sincerity.

59 white as a cloud in autumn. Thence he built three lesser walls,
one behind another, and caused divers streets to be formed around
60 them. Likewise also, he surrounded his own palace and the
chambers of the women of his household with a circle of lesser
walls.

61 Then the greatest of all kings built a palace of great splen-
70 dour called *Vejayanta*, so that none could be compared unto it,
like unto one of the creations of *Vissakamma* that have not been
surpassed. It had seven stories, and contained one thousand
chambers supported by many hundreds of beautiful pillars. It
was surmounted with hundreds of pinnacles like the top of
Kelása, and adorned with networks of divers leaves and flowers.
Its gates and doors and windows were made of gold, and its walls
and staircases were so ordered that they gave pleasure in all the
seasons. It was also always well supplied with thousands of beds
of divers kinds covered with carpets of great value, made of gold
and ivory and other substances. And the splendour thereof was
increased by the addition of a bedchamber for the king, which
sent forth at all times a perfume of flowers and incense, and
which was made beautiful with rows of large lamps of gold, and
made exceedingly lovely by reason of the garlands of pearls
of great size which were hung at the four corners thereof—pearls
white like the rays of the moon, and which, as they waved to
and fro, seemed to smile with scorn at the beautiful ripples of
the river of heaven. And the network of tinkling bells of gold
that hanged here and there in the palace and sent forth sounds
like unto those of the five instruments of music, seemed to
proclaim the unlimited glory of the merits of the king.

71 (Thereafter he caused the following buildings to be set up:
namely,) a golden house, so that he might have the propitiatory
rites performed therein by Brahmins; a beautiful house of
72 *Vishṇu*, for the *Mantra* ceremonies; a delightful circular house,
where he might listen to the *Játakas* of the great Sage, read by
73 the learned priest who dwelt there; and a *Pañcasattati* house, to
receive the holy water and the holy thread that were offered to
him by yellow-robed ascetics.

74 And he who walked always in the path of religion caused a
religious house (*Dhammágáráṇi*) to be built, surrounded on all
sides by a curtain-wall of many colours and ornamented with a
75 canopy of gold of great price. And by reason of the fragrant
flowers of divers hues that were offered at divers places therein,
76 its splendour was like unto a nosegay. The chambers thereof

were always lighted with lamps fed with perfumed oil, and all around it the air smelt with the smoke of benzoin. It was adorned with many images of the Conqueror made of gold and the other precious substances, and decorated with an array of pictures of the Omniscient wrought on cloth. And whenever the great king entered the house to paint with his own hands the eyes of the images of the Conqueror, or to make offerings to the Tathágata, or to hear the preaching of his doctrines that have never been surpassed, the nautch girls danced and sang songs sweet and melodious as the music of heaven ; and it was also adorned with (the image of) a peacock of great splendour that joined the women always in the dance, uttering wild screams that amazed and delighted the people greatly.

Afterwards the king caused a theatre to be built, the Sarassati Maṇḍapa, hard by his palace, that so he might listen to the sweet and melodious singing of divers singers, and witness the delightful dance. It glittered with golden pillars all around, and pleased the mind with the paintings that described the events of his own life. And it was adorned with an imitation of the 'wish-conferring tree of heaven' (Kappa-rukkha). The trunk and the branches thereof glittered with gold, and were ornamented with a multitude of divers kinds of birds of beautiful workmanship. It shone also with divers ornaments, such as earrings and bracelets and garlands of pearls and the like, and with beautiful garments made of linen and china silk, silk, and such like.

Then he caused to be erected a very pleasant open hall of recreation, Rājavesi Bhujaṅga by name. It seemed as if the hall of assembly of the gods (Sudhamma) had descended to the earth, and as if the manners and customs of the whole world had been gathered together into one place. It was a three-storied building, ornamented with beautiful pictures and surrounded by rows of seats arranged with much beauty. It was also ornamented with a throne of great price, like unto the throne made under the 'wish-conferring tree of heaven' (Kappa-rukkha) which giveth to the musicians of heaven all that they desire. It looked also like his glittering crown shining with divers gems when in battle he won Lapká by the strength of his arm, and also like the heap of matted hair on the head of this earthly Siva.

Likewise also he caused a charming palace to be built, supported on one column, which seemed to have sprung up, as if it were, by the bursting of the earth ; and it was completed with

figures of the Makara.* It was then adorned with a golden house full of beauty ; its floor of gold was lighted with only one chandelier ; and the house stood on beautiful pillars of gold, bearing the glory of a golden cave of this lion-king.

- 95 This chief of kings and lord of the country caused also a
 97 park to be made nigh unto the royal palace. And they called it Nandana, because that it displayed the splendour of Nandana† the 'park of heaven,' and pleased the eyes of the people and gave them delight. It had trees entwined with creepers of jasmine.
- 98 And the air was filled with swarms of bees, roused with the
 102 enjoyment of the honey of divers flowers. The Campaka,‡ Asoka, and the Tilaka ; the Nága, Punnága, and Ketaka ; the Sála, Pátali, and Nípa ; the Amba, Jambu, and Kadambaka ; the Vakula, the Nálikera, the Kutaja, and the Bimbijálaka ; as also the Málati and Mallika, and the Tamála and Nava-mallika : these and divers fruit-bearing and flower-bearing trees of their kind were found there, such as charm the people who resort thither. And it was made delightful by the screams of the peacock and the sweet and deep tones of the Kokila§ that charm the world and always give pleasure. It was interspersed also with sheets of water ornamented with fine banks, and made pleasant by the abundant growth of the lotus and the lily, and
 103 the musical tones of the Saras.|| It was railed also with pillars
 105 decorated with rows of images made of ivory. And it was ornamented with a bathing hall that dazzled the eyes of the beholder, from the which issued forth sprays of water that was conducted through pipes by means of machines, making the place to look as if the clouds poured down rain without ceasing,—a bathing hall, large and splendid, and bearing, as it were, a likeness to the knot of braided hair that adorned
 106 the head of the beautiful park-nymph. It also glittered with a mansion of great splendour and brightness such as was not to be compared, and displayed the beauty of many pillars of sandalwood carved gracefully, and was like an ornament on the
 107 face of the earth. A hall shaped like an octagon, and a beautiful
 108 and pleasant hall, formed after the fashion of the beautiful coils of

* A fabulous animal. It is generally depicted with the head of a crocodile and the body and tail of a fish.

† The garden of Indra.

‡ *Michelia Champaka*. (See the botanical names of these plants at the end of the chapter, Note A.)

§ The Indian cuckoo.

|| The Indian crane.

the king of serpents, adorned this park, wherein 'the stone-bath' 109
(*Silā-pokkharāṇī**) continually attracted the king, who surrounded
himself with a great number of good men, and who was like a
crest on the heads of kings—and whose 'bath of fortune' (the 110
Maṅgala Pokkharāṇī) made it yet the more delightful, and
caused the beholder to feel as if it were Nandana, the 'garden of
heaven,' with its Nandā tank—and where yet another, the 111
'overflowing bath' (*Puṇṇāpokkharāṇī*), full of perfumed water,
embellished it, and delighted the moon-like king—and which 112
also, with its baths and its cave Vasanta, always looked charming
by reason of its exceeding beauty and gracefulness.

And the king, who kept all men under subjection to him, caused 113
the 'park of the island' (*Dīpuyyāna*) also to be laid out at a place
like unto an island, because of the water that flowed there on two
sides,—wherein is to be seen a wonderful white house, wholly of 114
plaster-work, and resembling the crest of the mountain *Kelāsa*; †
and it was ornamented also with a mansion, *Vijjā-maṇḍapa*§ by 115
name, so named because that it was made for displaying divers
branches of knowledge and the arts (*Vijjā*),—where also shineth 116
a 'swinging hall' (*Dolā-maṇḍapa*) of great neatness and beauty,
containing a beautiful swing with its tinkling bells of gold; where 117
also there is a 'hall of pleasure,' by name *Kilā-maṇḍapa*, which
attracted the king and the gay and witty attendants of his court.
And this park was likewise rendered beautiful by a pavilion called 118
Sānimaṇḍapa,|| wrought with ivory; and with the 'peacock hall' 119
(*Mora-maṇḍapa*), and with another called the 'hall of mirrors'
(*A'dāsa-maṇḍapa*), the walls of which were overlaid with mirrors.

In this park the bath, *Ananta-pokkharāṇī*, overlaid with stones 120
coloured like unto the body of the serpent *Ananta*, continually
delighted the people; where also, the bath *Cittā-pokkharāṇī*, with 121
its paintings of divers colours, attracted the brave and wise
Parakkama Báhu the Conqueror, and where also, stood the 122
four-storied palace that was not to be surpassed, with its divers
paintings, shining clear above all, from whence proceed the
voices of love. And the park was ornamented with the *Tāla* 123
and the *Hintāla* trees; the *Nāga* and the *Punnāga* trees; the
Kadali, *Kaṇṇikāra*, and *Kaṇikāra*.¶

* *Sig. Gal-pokuna.*

† *Sig. Magul-pokuna.*

‡ One of the highest peaks of the Himalaya range, and supposed to be
the residence of *Kuvera*.

§ *Lit.*, 'the hall of science.'

|| *Lit.*, the 'hall of curtains.'

¶ See note A.

124 And it so happened that among the ministers of the inner
 127 palace of this king, who was like unto Meru amidst all the races
 of kings that were like mountains, there was a pious and wise
 man, Mahinda by name, who loved the Three Gems with
 all his heart,—a man pure in heart and of sound wisdom, and
 one who knew what was good and evil, and had a knowledge of
 the ways and the methods and forms and practices for doing
 religious works, without being moved either by love or hate,
 or by fear or ignorance. And though he had heaped up much
 merit, yet was he not satisfied therewith, being like unto the
 ocean that the waters never satisfy. And he abstained from sin
 by reason of the shame and fear within him, and strove always
 128 to overcome difficulties. And for a receptacle for the noble
 Tooth-relic that was made holy by reason of its being washed
 with the nectar of the four-and-eighty-thousand sections of the
 129 law (delivered by Buddha and his disciples), he, with the favour
 of the gracious king who always gave help to good works, caused
 a wonderful temple of great splendour to be built, giving delight
 130 to all. It shone with roofs of gold, and doors and windows,
 and divers works of art wrought both within and without. And
 131 it was ornamented with canopies painted with divers colours,
 like as a golden mountain encompassed with streaks of lightning.
 132 And by reason of the bright curtains that flashed with divers
 colours, and the rows of beds spread out with coverlets of great
 price with which it was furnished, it was like unto the palace of
 133 the Goddess of Beauty ; and it shone with a lustre so great that
 all that was beautiful on earth seemed to have been gathered
 134 together and brought into one place. And it was made exceed-
 ingly attractive by a spacious upper room (Candasálá) of great
 excellence and exquisite beauty, white as the snow or the swan, or a
 135 bright cloud or a garland of pearls. And the temple was decorated
 with flags flying aloft, and crowned with a pinnacle of solid gold.
 136 And there was also the queen Rúpavati, the best of beautiful
 beings, who, like the young moon, rose from the ocean-like great
 king Kitti Sirimegha, and drew upon her the eyes of the world.
 137 She was the beloved wife of him who was like the banner of the
 Khattiya race, and carried the heart of that king captive, who
 was like the crest of kings, even as Sítá carried captive the heart
 138 of Ráma. And among the many hundreds of women who were
 in the inner chambers of the palace, she was beloved the most,
 as were the Three Gems that she loved best. And save her own
 husband, she regarded not, as much even as a blade of grass,

any other person, though he were like unto the chief of the gods. She spake loving words, and conformed her conduct to the wishes of the king. She was adorned with the ornament of many virtues, as faith, piety, and such like. She was skilled in dancing and music, and was richly endued with a mind as keen as the point of the blade of a Kusa grass. And she was always generous and warm-hearted, being moved thereto by a merciful disposition. Chaste, and wise, and virtuous, and pure in action, and of good name and fame, she remembered the exhortations of the Conqueror of Sin regarding the fleeting nature of things, that "Men are frail and their lives are short"; "The good man should walk through life circumspectly, as if he carried live coals on his head"; "There is no truth in the saying 'Death will not come'"; and the like. She heard and remembered the sayings of many great Sages; and because that she knew that short-lived beings, whirled about in the great ocean of life, had none help but that which could be obtained from the merit of good works, she was diligent in gaining merit of divers kinds. And, like unto a vessel of gold that was to carry her speedily over this sea of transmigration unto the shore of Nibbāna, she caused the great golden Thūpa to be built in the midst of the city.

And the great and wise king caused divers roads to be made in that beautiful city; and many thousands of mansions, of two and three stories high and the like, were built on the borders thereof. They abounded on all sides with shops filled with goods of all kinds. Elephants, horses, and carriages passed without ceasing along the roads, which were crowded every day with people who continually took part in great feasts.

Afterwards the king caused three smaller cities to be erected, namely, the Rájavesi Bhujanga, the Rája Kulantaka, and the Vijita; three viháras near unto them, namely, Veluvana, Isipatana, and Kusinára, each having three stories and adorned with three temples, that shed lustre and beauty on the place, and advanced its great prosperity. And the king caused to be made in the space between the royal palace and the three cities, at a league's distance from each other, three stately viháras with beautiful preaching-halls and image-houses, which were furnished with resting-places for the priests that came from the four quarters of the earth.

Thus was this city, Pulatthi by name, surrounded with fine and noble ramparts, four leagues long and seven leagues broad; and to this size were they extended by the king himself, so that

the city bore his own name. It was diversified also with streets great and small, delightful to the eye; and it shone brilliantly with beautiful mansions. It was perfect in all its parts, and was like unto the beauty of the spring and the city of Sakka. In this city he reigned like the king of the gods, after that all his desires had been satisfied, and showed great skill in
 160 defending the rich and the poor alike. And this ruler of men caused these fourteen gates to be made therein, namely, the exquisite King's gate, the delightful Lion's gate, the broad
 161 Elephant's gate, the gate of Indra; and Hanumanta's gate, the high Kuvera's gate, the many-coloured Durgu's gate; likewise
 162 also the Rakkhasa's gate, the lofty Serpent's gate, and the Sparkling Water gate; and also the graceful Park gate, the
 163 Illusion gate, the great Port gate, and the excellent Musician's gate.

164 Thus did this king Parakkama Báhu, stable as the king of the mountains* and sharp as the edge of the diamond, adorn the city of Pulatthi, which aforetime was exceeding small by reason of many wars—like unto the city of the Tāvatispa heaven.†

Thus endeth the seventy-third chapter, entitled "A Description of the Improvements made in the City of Pulatthi," in the Mahávaṇṣa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

NOTE A.

Asoka, <i>Jonesia Asoka</i>.	| Bimbijálaka, <i>Momordica monodelpha</i> .
Tilaka (<i>doubtful</i>).	Málati, <i>Jasminum grandiflorum</i> .
Nága, <i>Mesua ferrea</i> .	Malliká, <i>Jasminum zambac</i> .
Punnága, <i>Rottleria tinctoria</i> .	Tamála, <i>Valernana jatamansi</i> .
Ketaka, <i>Pandarus odoratissimus</i> .	Navamalliká, a species of <i>jasmine</i> .
Sála, <i>Shorea robusta</i> .	Tála, <i>Palmyra tree</i> .
Pátali, <i>Bignonia suaveolens</i> .	Hintála, <i>Marshy Date tree (kitul)</i> .
Nípa, <i>Nauclea cadamba</i> .	Kadali, <i>Plantain tree</i> .
Amba, <i>Mangifera indica</i> .	Kaṇṇikára, <i>Pterospermum ascerifolium</i> .
Jambu, <i>Eugenia jambolana</i> .	Kaṇikára, <i>Premna spinosa</i> .
Kadambaka, a species of <i>Asoka</i> .	
Vakula, <i>Mimusops elongi</i> .	
Nálikera, <i>Cocconut tree</i> .	
Kuṭaja, <i>Echites antidysenterica</i> .	

* Mount Meru.

† The lowest world of gods situated on the top of Mount Meru.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

AFTERWARDS when the king saw that his chief city of Anurádhapura had been wholly destroyed by the hosts of the Cholians, deeming it worthy of being held in great honour, insomuch as the feet of the living Master, which bore the marks of the wheel* with its thousand spokes and rim, had trodden the ground thereof and made it holy, and insomuch also as it was the place wherein the right branch of the great Bodhi and a doṇa† of the relics of the great Sage had been preserved, he resolved to commence the repairs thereof. And for this end the wise king sent unto a certain great minister and bade him do his (the king's) will. Thereupon the minister despised not the king's command in any way, but received it humbly, raising his joined hands to his forehead, and set out for Anurádhapura; and being himself skilled in the art of command, he commenced to execute the king's order, and left not undone a single point.

Then did this wise minister delay not, but caused ramparts and walls, streets, palaces and towers, pleasant baths and delightful parks, to be built as aforetime within the limits of the chief city of former kings. And afterwards he repaired the great Cetiya and other Cetiya's that belonged to the three Fraternities, and also the Lohapásáda and many other viháras, and the beautiful palace also with its gates and doors and towers and courtyard, and its pleasant hall on the top‡ thereof, in the which (the king) himself had dwelt. And this city, which possessed such grandeur, did he restore throughout, and make it to look as it did in former times. In this manner did he (the king) make haste and finish by the hands of his one minister the works that had been done by many former kings. (Yea, it is even so :) the desires of men endued with wisdom, who are like unto vessels overflowing with merit gathered together in numberless births, are all fulfilled and fail not.

Thereafter the great and wise king caused a city to be built, by name Parakkama, and ornamented it with gates, towers, and ramparts, and moats, streets, temples, and markets. And it was ornamented with gardens shining with temples built for the

* The Cakra, being one of the auspicious marks on the soles of his feet.

† A measure of capacity, equal to thirty-two seers, or about sixty-four pounds avoirdupois.

‡ Candasála.

habitation of many hundreds of monks who were endued with
 17 piety and other virtues. And like unto A'lakamandá, the city of
 the gods, it was wealthy and prosperous and filled with great
 plenty, and continually crowded with people.

18 And afterwards he ordained that the chief ministers of the
 19 kingdom who were set over divers districts throughout the island
 of Sínhala should collect the revenue thereof in a manner that
 would neither oppress the inhabitants thereof, nor diminish aught
 from the taxes paid to the revenue.

20 And the king, who was endued with great wisdom and had not
 21 cause to fear aught, ordained that freedom from fear should be
 given on the four holy days of every month to the beasts and the
 fish that moved in land or water ; and this command he extended
 to all tanks and other places throughout the island.

22 Now at that time many chiefs in the Rohaṇa country were
 brought to great distress upon the death of the king Māṇábharāṇa,
 23 and had become utterly helpless. They knew not the nature of
 Parakkama Báhu ; and as their minds were overawed with fear,
 24 they durst not show themselves to that ruler. And they
 remembered them often of their own offences, and in the course
 25 of time their fears increased two-fold ; and albeit that they
 well knew that the great prowess of this lion-like and lordly
 26 king could not be surpassed by any others, yet did they
 think it best for them to live (at liberty), though it were
 even for one day, in the country of their birth. And they cared
 27 not for the consequences, but said to themselves, "Shall we at
 any time allow the enemy's hosts to behold this province, that
 28 aboundeth with rivers and mountains and such like?" And
 uttering such words (of defiance) they brought the inhabitants
 under their control, and approached the king's* mother Sugalá,
 29 and spake unto her saying, "O lady! if thou art troubled with
 sorrow for the death of the king Māṇábharāṇa, let that not any
 30 longer afflict thy mind. While we live, who will venture to enter
 this our province which containeth so many strongholds?"
 31 And with such words did they make known their purpose to the
 32 queen. And they all joined themselves together and made
 numberless strongholds, such as could not be shaken even
 by elephants, in all the remote places, even unto the borders of
 33 the country, and dug trenches round about them, and scattered
 sharp thorns like nails of iron on them, and cut down trees

across the roads so that no man could pass through them. Then 34
 did all the inhabitants of the country rebel openly ; and many 35
 thousands of strong men, with their loins girded for war, and
 furnished with much armour and weapons, held each stronghold.
 And being very powerful they boldly awaited the enemy.

And as the queen Sugalá was wanting in discernment and was 36
 by nature wicked, she believed the words of those men, who were 37
 doomed to utter destruction, and gave up all the jewels and
 pearls and such like treasures that she had, and also a great 38
 quantity of precious things that belonged to the Tooth and Bowl
 relics, and expended them for these men, as if she had thrown
 them into a fire. And as she knew not how to put men into 39
 places that were suited to them, she gave away offices (foolishly),
 and herself began to stir up the rebellion through them.

And when Parakkama the chief of men, heard of all this, he, 40
 whose might no man could surpass, smiled sweetly and set for the 41
 general Rakkha, a man of great endurance in war, and told him
 the news as he had heard it, and commanded him saying, " Go 42
 quickly, and quench this wild fire of a rebellious host by pouring 43
 down showers of arrows on them ; and after that you have
 appointed persons who are able to defend that province, hasten
 back hither." So saying, the king sent him at the head of a
 great host.

Then the Sihalá and Keralá inhabitants that dwelt in the 44
 interior, with the Velakkára force, assembled themselves and
 took counsel together, saying, " We have heard a rumour that 45
 the king Parakkama Báhu hath sent out a great number of
 strong men under officers with the intent to subdue the Rohaṇa.
 Let us, therefore, seize this opportunity of taking the country." 46
 And they all with one accord began a great war. Thereupon 47
 the king Parakkama Báhu, before whom all the kings of the
 earth bowed themselves down, sent thither many valiant officers 48
 with an army of men and chariots and carriages, and slew such
 persons as should have been slain, and gave away many of their
 lands to assemblies of monks. And he also took possession of 49
 many villages, and, having none occasion himself for fear,
 delivered that country also from the fear of its enemies.

Thereafter Rakkha, the general, having humbly received the 50
 command of the great king, bowed down before him, and made 51
 obeisance unto him, and departed from the city of Pulatthi. And
 this mighty man of great renown proceeded to the place Barab-
 bala, and encamped there. And all the great hosts of Rohaṇa, 52

with the inhabitants thereof, having heard a true account of the manner in which the general had come thither, were of one heart and mind, saying, "While we live he shall not cross the boundary of our country and come hither." And when they had made this resolve they waxed exceeding desperate and cared not for their lives, and marched to the place (Barabbala) eager to begin the war.

Then Rakkha, the general, fought a great battle with that army and killed many men; and he made his way through the trees that the enemy had cut down and had thrown across the road, and came to a great place by name Kaṇṭakavana. And there he fought with the hosts of the enemy, who had fortified and occupied that place; and he broke that stronghold and entered it, and after that he had put an end to the lives of many thousands of strong men he departed thence and went to the place Ambaḷa, and fought a battle with the army that was there and dispersed it, and made that stronghold and the whole field of battle to reek with the flesh and blood of the slain. And departing from thence he destroyed a great stronghold, Savan by name, and killed a great many of the soldiers. And in the front thereof was the stronghold Divā-candanta-bāṭava, beyond which the enemy had built seven strongholds that no man could reach, the one after the other, in a forest one or two leagues in extent; and both the sides of the road that led thereto lay between great rocks, in the middle whereof they cut down great trees of divers kinds at certain intervals, and thereby made the roads so hard of approach that men could neither pass nor repass through it. And they secured the strongholds with great gates, so strong that even the most furious elephants could not shake them. And each of the hosts of the enemy held a separate fortress, resolved firmly in no wise to let any man enter therein, but the mighty general carried on the war with them with great fury both by day and night for many months, and slaughtered many thousands of strong men and their officers, and himself encamped at that very place.

And when the brave and mighty king Parakkama, who then dwelt in the city of Pulatthi, heard from the mouth of a messenger how that his chief captain had carried on the war, he sent unto Bhūtādhikari, who lived in the king's palace, and was skilled in the ways of warfare, and spake unto him, saying, "Verily in no wise beseemeth it us to carry on this war for so long a time on an equal footing with these fools, who are rebels withal.

Break down, therefore, all the strongholds and the gates thereof in the manner that I have instructed you, and after that you have destroyed all the hosts of the enemy make haste and send unto me a true account of your doings." And when he had given him these commands, and furnished him with many strong men, he sent him forth to the field of battle.

Then Bhútádhikári departed from the noble city of Pulatthi 72 with a great host, and went and joined Rakkha the chief captain. And they disobeyed not the commands of the gracious king, 73 but procured them coats of mail of buffalo hides and clothed their men therewith. And then they commenced the great 74 war, and slew many hundreds of strong men, and after 75 that they had destroyed the seven strongholds that were hard by each other, they proceeded from thence to the village Kipsuka-vatthu. And there also, they carried on a very fierce and 76 terrible war; and they set out from thence to Vatarakkhatthali, 77 and slaughtered the army of the enemy that had assembled there from all sides. And afterwards they fought a great battle at 78 Dáthávaḍḍhana and another at the village Sahodará. And from thence Rakkha, the chief captain, sent on a part of his army to 79 subdue the enemy that remained at Lokagalla, after that he had kept many thousands of strong men with him. And when a 80 great host of the enemy came against him, saying, "Now on this occasion shall we seize the chief captain," he made a great slaughter of them, and put them to flight.

But though the great host that consisted of the four divisions 81 of the army that had gone to Lokagalla had succeeded in 82 bringing the enemy's hosts that were there to great straits, yet could they not completely cut off their great resources, and so they came back to the place which was held by the chief captain. Thereupon the two armies joined themselves together and advan- 83 ced to Majjhima-gámaka. And there also, nigh unto the village 84 Kantaka-dvára-vátaka, they fought a great battle with the enemy's host, who had made a firm resolve with their chief captains and officers at Lokagalla, saying, "The venerable Tooth-relic and the sacred Bowl-relic shall we not allow them to seize." And they slaughtered the host of the enemy, and proceeded to 86 Uddhana-dvára, and fought a great battle with the host of the enemy who held the strongholds that they had built there. And they brake down those strongholds and their gates, and 87 entered therein, and slew a great number of the enemy; and after having put their army into order they encamped there.

88 Thereupon the queen Sugalá took the sacred Tooth-relic and the Bowl-relic and went to Uruvela.

89 And in the meanwhile the commanders Kitti and Kitti-jivita-
 90 potthaki, and other chief officers that the king Parakkama sent
 91 with an army to subdue the hosts of the enemy at Díghavápi, set their men and materiel in order, and proceeded by the way of Eráhulu, and went up to the village Givulaba and fought a terrible battle with the hosts of the enemy that were encamped
 92 at that place. And when they had broken down the stronghold there and slain a great number of the enemy, they departed from
 93 thence to Uddhagámaka. And there they built a stronghold and carried on a great war, and ceased not till they had put the hosts
 94 of the enemy to flight. After that they waged a fearful war with
 95 the enemy that was encamped at a place called Hihobu, where they had built a stronghold surrounded with a ditch and spread over with thorns, and had gathered together divers kinds of arms,
 96 and made themselves ready for war. And they destroyed that stronghold utterly with the gates thereof, and entered it, and fought a battle there, pouring showers of arrows on the enemy,
 97 so that there was none like unto it. And they departed from that place also, and came to the village Kirinda, where the enemy had built a stronghold at three leagues' distance as before, and held
 98 it in great force. And they routed the hosts of the enemy as they did before, and then returned to the place Díghavápi, and encamped there in great force.

99 And king Parakkama, the most prudent of men, sent messengers
 100 to the officers that were there, saying, "It has come to our knowledge that our enemies who have been defeated in the field of battle have now taken to flight in great terror, carrying with them the sacred and precious Bowl and Tooth-relics, and are even
 101 now about to cross over to the other side of the sea. If peradventure such a thing should happen, then would this island of
 102 Laṅká be shorn of all its glory. For although this island of Sśhala containeth gems of divers kinds and of great price, such as
 103 precious stones and pearls and the like, yet the sacred relics of the Bowl and the Tooth of the lord of doctrine are alone the two
 104 gems that cannot be compared. And all the endeavours that I
 105 have continually made by the great treasures that I have spent in gathering together multitudes of strongmen with their armour and weapons, that so I may restore peace and security to this island of
 106 Laṅká, will then be of no avail. And though my head is adorned
 107 with a crown of great price, sparkling with the rays of divers gems,

yet is it hallowed only by the union therewith of the holy touch
of the sacred Tooth and Bowl-relics. Array, therefore, yourselves 108
under one chief with all your men and materiel, and swerve not one 109
jot or one tittle from my instructions, but go forth and conquer
the enemy, and send unto me straightway the glorious Tooth-relic
and the sacred Bowl." And the commander Kittī, who tarried in 110
the district of Dīghavāpi, received the king's command with all 111
humility, and assembled together his whole army and all his
officers, and went up with them to the place that was held by the
chief captain (Rakkha). Thereupon the rebellious party* and a 112
great host composed of the inhabitants of the country, being 113
provided with many arms and weapons, put themselves under their
officers and went forth boldly in battle array, with the look and
gait of heroes, to the very village Uddhana-dvāra, eager for battle.
And they bethought themselves saying, "Of a certainty shall 114
we not allow even so much as a single foe to escape from the
army of the enemy that has entered into the midst of our
dominions. Strongholds shall we build in the way of the enemy, 115
and the road therein shall we make impassable for a space of two 116
or three leagues, and see to it that no manner of grain shall be
taken from the neighbouring villages to the place where the
enemy might take shelter : and when the whole army shall have 117
been brought thus to starvation, shall we fight a great battle
in which the enemy's hosts shall not be able to withstand our
storm of arrows ; and thus shall we slaughter them." And, with 118
the intent to do this, they built great strongholds in the manner
aforementioned, and sat them down thirsting for the battle.

Then the commander Bhūtādhikāri and the chief captain 119
Rakkha and the commander Kittī—all of them valiant men
in the field of battle, who were wont to defeat the enemy—
set their great army in battle array, and, according as they had 120
been instructed, advanced all of them together ; and after that 121
they had fought terrible battles, in which they killed a great 122
many soldiers and put the remnant to flight, they proceeded
from thence with their mighty host to the stronghold Mahārī-
vara, and destroyed it. And from thence they departed and
came together at a place called Voyalaggamu, and there the 123
skilful commanders encamped, and destroyed, in the same manner 124
as before, the hosts of the enemy at Sumanagalla that were
over against them at that place. Afterwards they destroyed the 125

126 enemy's hosts at Badaguna, and so also the whole army in a great battle that they fought at a place called Uruvela Maṇḍala where they were encamped, and seized and took the glorious and holy Bowl and Tooth-relics, and remained there with the great army around them.

127 Now at that time a certain chief of the king Mānābharana, a
128 perverse man, and the leader of a host of rebels, Sūkarabhātu-
deva by name, whom the king Parakkama caused to be put in
prison and bound with chains, brake his fetters and fled
129 and entered the Rohana. Thereupon the king sent unto the
130 commander Mañju and said unto him : " Sūkarabhātu, the leader
131 of the rebels, hath escaped and hath fled to his own country ; but
it is meet that you should pursue after him before that he can
establish himself in one place." So saying the king sent him
forth. And he (Mañju) departed from the city of Pulatthi and
132 came to a place called Sūpatgamu, and fought a great battle
there with the hosts of the enemy, and, after that he had killed
many strong men and built him a stronghold, remained there at
the head of a great army.

133 Thereupon all the men of his tribe and many of the rebels
136 gained over all the inhabitants of the country, yea, even the
young men, to their side. And they said unto themselves : " Even
though we should lose our lives yet will we in nowise give up the
two relics—the Tooth and the Bowl." And when they had
resolved thus, they assembled themselves together at the village
Bhattasūpa, full of evil thoughts, and with their hearts overcome
137 with pride. Then Rakkha, the general, and Kittī-adhikāri and
138 Bhūtādihikāri, and others of the captains, fought a terrible
battle with the hosts of the enemy ; and by reason of their great
experience in war they allowed not even so many as two men (of
the enemy) to go together on the same road. And they seized
and took the Tooth-relic and the Bowl-relic, and, regardless
of the king's command, they held great feasts in honour
thereof, and departed from thence, and feared not danger from
any quarter.

139 But when they came to the place called Demaṭava, the whole
140 army of the enemy that was at Vāpi hastened thither from all sides,
fully armed, and fought a battle so great and terrible that it made
141 the hair of the flesh to stand up. But the chief captain and
142 the other commanders allowed not the enemy space even for their
feet (in that part of the battle-field that they held), by reason of
the dead bodies of the enemy that they had slain in this fierce

battle and of the weapons that they (the enemies) had thrown down (as they fled). And they (the chief captain and his officers) 143 carried with them the two glorious and holy relics—the Tooth and the Bowl—and arrived at the village Sappanárúkókila.

Then was the chief captain Rakkha laid low by dysentery, 144 and he passed away according to his deeds ; for all living things indeed perish. Thereupon the two commanders Mañju and Kitti 145 caused the funeral ceremonies to be performed over his dead body 146 with the honour that was due to his rank ; and though the king 147 himself was far off when the brave chief captain died, yet did these valiant commanders, by the exceeding great majesty of that self-same king of terrible might, assemble the army together quietly, and, giving no man cause for any fear or anxiety, hold 148 great feasts in honour of the relics ; and after that they had sent 149 tidings thereof to his gracious majesty the king, they tarried there for several days. Then did the lord of the land, Parakkama 150 Bahu, in the fulness of his gratitude and wisdom, when he heard 151 these tidings, send a royal command (that they might do honour 152 to the chief captain who was dead,) saying, “ Wheresoever the dead body of that chief captain was burned, there let a great Alms-hall be built with four gates on the four sides thereof, and see that ye make sufficient provision for the giving of alms there to the poor who come thither from the four quarters of the earth.” And the chief officers of the army were glad thereat, and carried 153 out the king’s command according as he had instructed them, and remained at that very place because that they knew it was prudent to do so.

Then the rebels thought to themselves that they had now yet 154 another opportunity to strive to gain the victory, because that the 155 chief captain was dead and Súkarabhátu was now become their commander. And so they gathered themselves together in the district of Guttasálaka.

And when this came to the ears of the great army of the 156 king Parakkama, who with his officers was wont always to 157 defeat his enemies, it began to carry on the war with vigour on every side, and advanced towards the district of Guttasálaka. Thereupon the rebels abandoned that village through fear, and 158 fled into the district of Mahágáma. And when king Parakkama, 159 whose majesty no man could approach, heard thereof, he sent 160 messengers unto his officers, saying, “ It pleaseth me in nowise that you should carry on the war from village to village, taking with you the Tooth and the Bowl-relics. Send, therefore, the

161 two relics straightway to me." And when the chiefs of the army
 162 heard this message, they desired greatly to send the sacred Tooth
 and Bowl-relics to the city of Pulatthi, and after they had
 163 appointed a chieftain to protect them, they proceeded from the
 164 village Hintálava and fought a fearful battle, as before, with the
 hosts of the enemy at the village Khíragāma, and put them to
 flight on all sides. Then they entered the village Khíragāma,
 165 and there also they fought a fierce battle and slew many men.
 And from thence they advanced and fought great battles likewise
 at Tanagalúka, Sukhagiri, Kaṭadórává, Dambagallaka, and
 166 Taṇḍula-pattha. And after that they brought up the Tooth and
 167 Bowl-relics with great pomp, and sent them unto Mañju, the
 168 commander, who, after that he had slain many men at the village
 Sakhápatta and at Lokagalla and subdued all the inhabitants
 of Dhanumaṇḍala, had placed himself there. And he went forth
 169 to meet the Tooth and Bowl-relics, and paid great honour unto
 them by day and by night; and when he had given them in
 170 charge of the chief Añjanakamma, he sent the two relics to the
 great king. And when he had departed thence and arrived at
 171 the village Bokusála, being himself wise in counsel, he took
 counsel together with all the officers (that were in command of
 divers forces), and said unto them, "These our enemies are
 172 familiar with the country. And after that we have departed
 from a place, all they who have fled hither and thither come back
 and oppress the people that we had pacified and brought under
 173 subjection. Our lord also, the ruler of the land, who knoweth
 the ways of warfare, would care not, even so much as a blade of
 grass, for a territory that hath been subdued and brought under
 his dominion, if his commands concerning it were set at nought.
 174 Therefore let us do honour to the commands of his gracious majesty,
 175 and place, in each district that hath been subdued, a great host with
 captains over them, that so the enemy might not again enter
 176 therein. Then shall we have destroyed the enemy by the root;
 177 and after that may we go up and bear the lotus-feet of our lord
 on the crown of our heads." And when the prudent chief captain
 had resolved thus, all the officers consented to his words, and,
 178 having set their mighty hosts in order of battle, they departed
 from thence and came to the village Válivásara, of many roads.
 179 And there they put an end to the lives of many of their enemies,
 and proceeded from thence, and built a fortress at a place called
 180 Balapásána, and placed Kitti and Laṅkápura there in command of
 181 another great army composed of four divisions. And from thence

all the great chiefs and leaders, at the head of a great host, proceeded to the district of Dīghavāpi, as they had been instructed, that so they might subdue the many rebels who were there.

Now, at that time, Parakkama Bāhu, the conqueror of kings, 182 dwelt in the beautiful city of Pulatthi, far from the strife of his 183 foes. A faithful and wise man, blessed with the dawn of fortune, and a leader of those that love music and poetry, 184 he passed his time in the enjoyment of quiet pleasures and amusements. And when he heard how the relics were brought 185 (nigh unto the chief city), his heart was filled with the utmost pleasure and joy, and he spake these and the like words, saying: "Oh! this is indeed a great boon to me! And now is my life worth living for, insomuch as I have received the great reward 186 of my labours, in that I have established the kingdom, and am now permitted to behold, and devote myself to the service of, these two relics of the King of Sages." Then having 187 washed and anointed himself, and put on his raiments, and adorned his person in a suitable manner, this highly favoured 188 king, surrounded by his princes and his ministers who were arrayed, and looking like the autumn moon encompassed with a multitude of stars, set forth to meet the relics, and proceeded to 189 a distance of about three leagues. And as soon as he came in 190 sight thereof, as he himself had received the honour of good 191 men, he gave honour to the relics, and presented unto them gifts 192 of jewels of great price, such as gems and pearls and the like, of all kinds, and offered unto them incense also of all kinds, and lamps and sweet-smelling flowers and many perfumes. And the noble king shed tears of joy without ceasing, and showed a devotion to them even as he would have showed to Buddha himself had he been alive. His whole body also glistened with 193 its hair standing on end, like unto buds of joy sprouting from his 194 delighted heart. Plunging his mind in a flood of joy, as if the nectar of the gods had rained upon his body, the wise and noble king bore the sacred Tooth-relic on his head, as did the 195 moon-crested god* the half-moon on his brow, and displayed the two relics unto all them that were with him. And being endued 196 with much knowledge of doctrine, this king of great wisdom proclaimed the majesty of the relics unto them, and caused them to present great offerings thereunto. And the chief of men, who 197 took great heed unto his conduct, caused the relics to be kept in 198

* Śiva, as represented with a half-moon on his forehead.

the self-same place, and after that he had commanded that divers offerings should be made thereto, he returned with his ministers and followers, in the same joyful mood, to his own palace, like unto
 199 Brahma as he returned to his mansion in the heavens. And,
 200 then he adorned the beautiful house of the Tooth-relic, which stood in the middle of the city, like unto the hall Sudhamma, of fair proportions,* and caused the road for about a league's length from the king's gate to be made as beautifully smooth as the
 201 palm of the hand. And as he yearned after the welfare of all
 202 beings, he then caused arches to be erected and ornamented with paintings, to the great joy of all the people. And under them there was spread, far and wide, a series of canopies of many
 203 colours, hung with garlands of divers colours. And all the pillars of the arches also he covered with cloth of divers colours.
 204 And he caused the tops thereof to be adorned with rows of parasols and chowries, with clusters of divers flowers, and flags also of
 205 many colours, and other things that were fit to be displayed at feasts. He also adorned both sides of the road with fruit-bearing
 206 trees, as the king-cocoanut, plantain, areca, cocoanut, and such like ; and with water jars filled with bunches of beautiful flowers,
 207 and with many kinds of banners and flags, and with lamps, censers, and such like. Thus did the king, in that he understood
 208 what was the path and what was not the path (that led to happiness), make this path as beautiful as Sudassana, the street of the chief of the gods ; and, as he was skilful and able to please good men, he embellished also, at the same time, the enclosure of the house of the Tooth-relic, and made it like unto
 209 Alakā. After that, the protector of the land caused a gem of
 210 exceeding great size and value to be hollowed out, and filled it
 211 with powdered perfumes ; and as he increased the happiness of the country, he placed the sacred Tooth-relic therein, and the
 212 gem he placed in a casket made of gold. Moreover, he placed
 213 the Bowl-relic on a throne covered with carpets of great price
 214 on which were spread sweet-smelling flowers ; and the throne was erected in a pavilion of great splendour, fixed on four wheels, which shone like the beautiful rainbow. It sparkled also with the lustre of divers jewels, and was like unto the united rays of
 215 the rising sun. And being able to take good care of what he
 216 had gotten himself, he placed around the (movable) pavilion, for the protection thereof, the Jambakannas† and others of noble

* Sakra's Hall of justice.

† A race of men of noble descent.

families, holding in their hands parasols, chowries, swords, and such like. And around the pavilion there were many hundreds of (movable) halls, of great cost, in the which were players with their Vinás and flutes and tabours; and numbers of songstresses also, like unto the songstresses in heaven, preceded by dancing women that were kept apart (in companies), made the feast merry with dancing and singing and music. And he caused the whole city to be perfumed with divers flowers and incense, and with divers kinds of perfumes also, and caused a multitude of people to rejoice. And by means of the light of thousands of lamps that were lighted all around, he made the four quarters and the intermediate quarters also as one great expanse of light. With rows of parasols and chowries and with rows also of flags of many colours and banners of all kinds he covered up the whole face of the sky. By the trumpeting of the elephants, the neighing of the horses, and the rumbling of the wheels of the chariots, the tumult of the drums, the deep sound of numerous festive chanks, the sound of the trumpets, the shouts of triumph of the heralds, the uproar of acclamations, the noise of applause, and the din of shouting,—he made all the quarters of the earth to resound with the noise. And then the protector of the land, adorned with all the ornaments of royalty, mounted a noble elephant of exceeding beauty, that was decked with coverings of gold, and, surrounded by his ministers in carriages of divers kinds, he set out from the beautiful city with great might and majesty. And he went up to the Tooth-relic and the sacred Bowl-relic, and after that he had bowed unto them with clasped hands raised to his head, and reverently offered flowers and perfumes unto them with his own hands, he took the two relics and proceeded with them on the highway.

Then there arose untimely a dark cloud that overspread and covered the face of the whole sky with a mass of darkness, increased the sound of the drums two-fold by its deep thunder, and adorned the firmament with its rainbow of exceeding beauty, flashing its brilliant lightnings on every side, and calling the peacocks to their ceaseless dance round the ring, and, with the dust raised by the dashing of the hoofs of the horses, screening the unbroken rays of the sun. And when all the ministers saw this they thought every moment that it would rain a great rain as a consequence of the great feast; and their minds were sore troubled thereat, and they approached the great and wise king and inquired of him what they should do at this juncture.

236 Thereupon the king, knowing well his own exceeding great
 240 majesty and the inconceivable glory of the great Sage, spake
 unto them, saying, "Let not your minds be troubled. A great
 and wonderful feast like unto this, by which the minds of men
 and gods are taken captive, must of a surety take place, and I
 also have set forth, who am reckoned a man of great fame and
 glory and of great good fortune, whose supreme might no man
 can approach. What god, what Mára, therefore, shall stand in
 the way and endanger this great festival that I have promoted?
 Take, therefore, the two relics with you, and go forth and feel
 not any anxiety whatever." And when he had spoken these
 words the wise king set out.

241 Then, beyond the place of the festival, the great rain-cloud
 242 descended, causing a violent flood, and filled the highway on
 every side with its waters; and lo! it came before the great
 procession and moved along before it, raining just so much only
 as was enough to settle the dust of the earth. And all the
 243 people of the city who were assembled there, and the devout sons
 246 of the Sage, many hundreds in number, when they saw the
 marvel, exclaimed, saying "Oh, how wondrous is this king, the
 subduer of his enemies! His power is truly great. Verily, it is
 our good fortune that he hath made himself manifest in Laṅká.
 Lo! here is the power of merit; here is wisdom; here is faith in
 the Tathágata; here is fame; here is glory; here is majesty,
 exceeding great!" And when they had given vent to their feel-
 ings of astonishment in a torrent of words like these, they
 proclaimed his praise throughout every quarter of the land.

247 And the protector of the land caused a number of wonders to
 249 be displayed one after another, which had not been seen or heard
 before, and held the feast in a manner suited to his high office;
 and, as he was endued with wisdom and might, he bore the two
 relics into the sanctuary of the Tooth-relic; and being a light
 himself to the whole world, he held a feast of lights for seven
 nights throughout the city of Pulatthi.

250 Thus did this king Parakkama Báhu, before whom bowed
 all the kings of the earth, hold, in a worthy manner, a feast
 of the sacred relics, which was a source of delight and pride,
 astonishment and bewilderment, to the multitude of people who
 beheld it.

Thus endeth the seventy-fourth chapter, entitled "A Descrip-
 tion of the Festival of the Tooth-relic," in the Mahávaṇṣa,
 composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXV̐.

THEN all the officers and chiefs with their great armies 1
 proceeded to take the district of Dīghavāpi. And they 2
 fought a great battle at the place called Syavana-viyala,
 and utterly destroyed the fortress of twelve gates that was there.
 And after that, they waged a great war at the place Goma- 3
 yagāma, and at the stronghold called Chaggāma, and at Bala-
 pásāna; and when they had routed the enemy's hosts they 4
 encamped with their men and materiel at the stronghold of Bala-
 pásāna. Then the officers and the chiefs proceeded from thence, 5
 and after they had fought a great battle at Málavatthukamaṇḍala,
 they fought other great and terrible battles in divers places 6
 also, namely, at Vaṭṭagāmakapāsāna, at the village Mulutta, the
 village Senagutta, the village Bólagāma, the village Vānaragāma, 7
 and the village Gullambatṭhi. Then they went to the village 8
 Hintālagāma and fought a great battle there, and killed many 9
 of the enemy, whose hosts had occupied the country for about
 three leagues in circumference, after that they had built a strong-
 hold therein, which they fortified with many defences; and
 they (the king's forces) encamped themselves at that place and 10
 tarried there to the great dread of the enemy. Now at this time
 all the rebels departed for Dīghavāpika-maṇḍala, saying, "We
 shall first bring the whole country over to our side and then seize 11
 it." But the officers, who were at Hintālavanagāma, received a
 true account of their design, and sent thither many soldiers.
 And they all marched a space of about twenty leagues in two 12
 nights, and fought a great battle and destroyed great numbers of 13
 the enemy, and terrified them so greatly that they had not the
 courage to renew the fight; and after this the victorious soldiers 14
 returned to the same place (Hintālavanagāma). Then all the
 officers united themselves together, and fought a great battle with 15
 the enemy who held Guttasāla-maṇḍala after having built a
 fortress at the place A'dipādaka-Punnāga-khaṇḍa. They fought
 great battles also at the villages Coramba-gāma, Málānagāma, 16
 and Kuddāla-maṇḍala; and, proceeding from the place Hin-
 tālagāma, they waged a fierce war at the villages Kittirāja- 17
 vāluka, Uḷadá, Vālukasa, and Huyalagāma, and made a great 18
 slaughter of the enemy, and encamped there. 19

Thereupon the king sent Rakkha Damilādhikāri and Rakkha 20
 Kaṇcuki-nāyaka and commanded them that they should make 21

the city of Mahánágakula,* wherein the former kings had dwelt, the chief city of that country ; and they got ready a great army and departed, eager for the fight.

22 Then Rakkha Kañcuki-nátha sent on the Kesadhátu, Devarája
23 of Pañcayojana, with a great army, and destroyed many of the
24 enemy that were there. And he brought the enemy to great
straits while he yet held many fortresses at Gimha-tittha† with
25 the intent to make it a chief city. And after he had done
this the valiant and skilful commander tarried a few days
there, as he wished to give rest to his army that was weary of
fighting.

26 Then the enemy, who even now was in great distress, assembled
27 together and pondered gravely in this wise, saying, "The glory
of king Parakkama is like unto the fire at the destruction of the
world, that cannot be surpassed, not even by the kings of the
28 whole of Jambudípa.‡ Even the king Gaja Báhu and the king
Mánábharaṇa, albeit that both of them were warlike and lion-
29 hearted kings, spent much treasure and made ready great armies
and carried on the war in divers ways both by day and by night ;
30 yet, when they heard the sound of his (Parakkama's) victorious
drums they gave way, even at a distance, like unto the glow-
31 worms before the rising of the sun. And because that they
could not dwell even in their own country through fear, took
they refuge in the King of Death, seeing no other way of escape.
32 Now have we none other refuge but in our fortresses ; and
(happily) the country aboundeth throughout with mountains,
33 strongholds, and the like. Let us therefore defend our fortresses
with numerous barriers, and make all the chief highways such
34 that none can pass through them, and let us cut numerous secret
paths, that so when it shall come to pass that the country
cannot be pierced through we may gather our forces together
and wage war."

35 Thereupon all the rebels placed themselves under one leader,
and advanced to the mouth of the Gálu river§ with the
36 intent to fight. But Kañcuki-náyaka, having heard thereof,
proceeded thither himself, and fought a great battle and put them
37 to flight. And the army that was thus routed went up from every
side and joined the enemy, who had gathered together at the
38 Maháválukagáma. But Rakkha Kañcuki-náyaka gave rest to

* See chap. LXI., v. 23.

‡ The continent of India.

† Gintota, or Gindura.

§ Galle river, Gij-gaṅga.

his army, and advanced to fight against the enemy who withstood 39 him at that village; and he crushed them utterly, and made the field of battle like unto the Nága world that the Garúlas destroyed.* And after that he had driven them away from that 40 place also, as a tiger driveth a herd of deer before him, the victorious general encamped there with his army.

Afterwards Kañcuki-náyaka, who was wise to discern between 41 what was of advantage and what was not, communed with himself while he yet tarried at Válukagáma in this wise: "These our enemies, like unto flies that know not the power of 42 fire and are consumed therein, bring about their own destruction greatly. Now, therefore, if they should all be destroyed the 43 land will become like unto a desert. They know not, also, how merciful is our king. Them, therefore, among the enemy that 44 will henceforth yield themselves unto us shall we assure of their lives and give unto them our protection." So he sent messengers 45 to some of the chief men of the country, saying, "Let them who are willing to save their lives come unto me." And the mer- 46 chants of Válukagáma,† who were desirous to save their lives and their property, and many dwellers in the seaport, and other 47 inhabitants of the country who were terrified, when they heard this came in great numbers from all sides unto Rakkha Kañcuki-náyaka (seeking his protection). After that he sent forth his 48 strong men and fought many battles with the forces of the 49 enemy that were gathered together at many places, namely: 50 Devanagara,‡ Kammáragúma,§ Mahápanálagáma, Mánáka-pitthi, the ford of the Nílavalá¶ river, and Kadali-pattagáma; and, being victorious everywhere, he showed favour unto those who came to him.

But the rebels waxed strong, and resolved that they would not 51 allow the powerful army of their enemy to cross the river at the 52 place Mahakhetta. And they defied them and advanced boldly, and arrived at the banks of the river. But Kañcuki-náyaka heard 53 the tidings thereof, and sent his own army to go up and fight 54 against the rebels. And then the skilled warriors on both sides fought a fierce battle in the middle of the river, so that the 55 conflict of the two armies waxed as terrible as the conflict between

* A race of monster birds said to be the natural enemies of the Nágas.

† Vēligama, between Galle and Mátara.

‡ Devinuvara, Dondra, the southernmost point of the Island.

§ Kamburugamuva, in Mátara.

¶ Nílvalá-gaṅga, in the Mátara district.

56 the gods and the Dánavas* who came up from the sea. Thereupon
 the strong and valiant men who fought against the rebels
 57 communed with themselves in this wise : “ A drawn battle with
 these men would be equal to a defeat. And though even our lord
 58 the king hear not of it, yet would it be a great disgrace unto us
 should it reach the ears of Kañcuki-náyaka. We will therefore
 cut these enemies into pieces, like unto the tender plants among
 59 the bamboos, and cast the bodies into the river so that they may
 become food for the fishes and turtle, whose hunger we shall
 thereby appease : otherwise, we ourselves shall become food for
 them.”

60 And when they had resolved thus, they carried on the conflict
 with exceeding great fury, like unto the monkeys which had leaped
 61 over the great sea in the war between Ráma and Rávana ; and they
 soon made the host of the enemy as one river of flesh and blood, and
 62 proceeded from thence to take Dígháli, and, like unto the elephants
 which had entered a forest of bananas, these mighty men rooted up
 63 a large and united force of the enemy. And being routed there also,
 they gathered themselves together at the place called Suvanṇa-
 64 malaya, and began to make war again. Then Kañcuki-náyaka
 sent thither many soldiers, who poured forth a shower of arrows on
 65 them, and ceased not. And when they had learned from the spies
 of the paths that led through the forest, they entered by the
 66 way that the spies had shown them, and slew many strong men
 who occupied the divers strongholds ; and thus they delivered
 the Suvanṇamalaya of its enemies.

67 After that Kañcuki-náyaka departed for the Málávaratthali,
 and sent word unto his strong men, who were at Suvanṇamalaya,
 68 saying, “ I go straight from this very place to the village Málá-
 varatthali : do ye also proceed along the road leading thereto (so
 69 that ye may meet me).” And when they had received the
 message they did so. And he took them, every one, with him and
 went up to Málávaratthali.

70 And the Tamil commander, Rakkha by name, a skilful warrior,
 71 reached Doṇivagga† at the head of a great army. And when the
 72 rebels heard thereof they straightway sent a message to Rakkha
 Laṅká-pura, who dwelt in the city of Máhánágakula, giving him a
 true account of their affairs, and asked him to come up to them
 73 quickly. And they thought thus, saying, “ The highway that

* The Asuras, or Titans.

† The large village of Denavaka in Sabaragamuva.

leadeth from Doṇivagga to Navayojana* is very hard to pass 74
 through. Therefore, shall we oppose their entrance into the country
 by that way, and keep them shut up in their own strongholds." 75
 So the enemy waxed bold and began the war. And Rakkha, the 76
 prudent Tamil commander, was desirous to begin the conflict and 76
 to crush the rebels before they could begin the fight; and he sent
 Loka the Kesadhātu and Nātha the Saṅkhanāyaka,† with other 77
 chief men, at the head of a great number of soldiers. And they 78
 fought a great battle and gained a great victory. Thereupon the 78
 enemies were utterly routed, and, being filled with great fear and
 confusion, they gathered themselves together at the place called 79
 Garuḷatthaka-lañcha. And Rakkha, the Tamil commander, sent 79
 the selfsame army to take that place also. And these mighty 80
 men of valour went thither, cutting down all obstacles, and brake
 down the great strongholds with their numerous gates. And 81
 they entered the place wherein the enemy had taken refuge, and 81
 took them captive whose lives should have been spared: many
 others also of the enemy they straightway put to death, and the 82
 remnant they dispersed helplessly. And, after they had deli- 82
 vered that place also from the enemy, the men who had gone 83
 (on this adventure) returned to him (Rakkha, the Tamil com- 83
 mander). And he bestowed favours on them according to their
 deserts.

Then the wise Tamil commander, as a rain-cloud unto a forest 84
 that the rays of the summer sun had burnt, returned to Doṇivagga, 85
 that so he might reconcile the enemies who were burnt to ashes
 by the consuming glory of the king, and thus save their lives.
 And over each country that was pacified he placed men who 86
 deserved to be set (in authority and office), and accepted the
 submission of such as were willing to submit, and purged that
 part of the country also of its enemies.

And the enemy at Pūgaḍaṇḍakāvāta, who occupied a fortress 87
 that they had built, waxed strong, and began to renew the war.
 Thereupon the Tamil commander sent thither many soldiers with 88
 chiefs expert in war. And the mighty men of valour proceeded 89
 thither, and, by the arrows that they rained upon them and the
 beating of their drums and the brandishing of their swords, they 90
 seemed unto the enemy like an untimely rain-cloud followed with
 lightning. And they relieved their weariness after the battle by
 enjoying the taste of their own heroism, and honoured the goddess 91

* Navayodun, or Navadun kóralé.

† The chief of chank-blowers (?)

92 of valour by the beat of their victorious drums. Then tidings
 came to them that great numbers of the enemy had assembled
 together at a place called Tambagāma, where they held a strong-
 hold that they had built. And the men of tried valour, being
 93 desirous to display an act of singular great courage, went thither
 by night and entered the place with the beating of war drums, as
 94 if defying the enemy to battle. And when the rebels heard
 95 the noise of the drums they felt as if a thunderbolt had fallen on
 their heads, so that some fainted and fled, and some met with a
 speedy death. Then the powerful victors burnt the stronghold
 96 and returned to Pūgadaṇḍāvāta. And Rakkha, the Tamil com-
 97 mander, brought his army together, and sent a four-fold force
 under a chief to subdue the enemies that were concealed in
 98 divers places in their own country. And that army slew many
 rebels at the villages Bodhiāvāta, Hintālavāna, and Atarandā-
 99 Mahābodhikkhanda, and returned after it had fought battles
 in the night also. Then the Tamil commander, at the head
 100 of a great force, went to the place Sūkarāli-Bheripāsāna, and,
 acting in no wise against the king's commands, restored many
 101 persons to their homes as before, who, though they were not
 enemies, had, nevertheless, concealed themselves (through
 102 fear). And after that he had appointed fit persons as chiefs
 103 over the countries that were pacified, he departed at the
 head of his terrible army and arrived at the village Sīmā-
 talatthali. Then a great number of rebels, who lay hidden
 104 in divers places, assembled together the inhabitants of the
 105 country that were armed; and, after that they had become
 106 exceeding powerful, they chose Rakkha Laṅkāpura, who was at
 the head of many strong men, and appointed him to be the
 commander of their army, and brought him down with great
 pomp, filling the country round about with the sound of drums
 and trumpets, and came to the village Naddhaṇḍa. And when
 107 the wise Tamil commander heard of this thing, he drew out his
 110 own soldiers, and spake these words unto them, saying, "Show
 now your fidelity to your master, and I shall be a witness to
 your courage in this place. Think not that this is a strange land
 and that the enemy is exceedingly bold, but trust to the glory
 of our master for succour; and be ye assured that victory will
 follow you in the field of battle. Proceed ye therefore, and, first,
 take up a position to give battle." And when they heard these
 words their courage increased, and they proceeded boldly and
 111 took up their place in the village Mahasenagāma to give battle

there. Then the strong men of both sides rushed into the midst of the field of battle. And the sparks that flew from their weapons, as they beat against each other, made the whole sky seem as if it were spangled with stars in the daytime. And they poured arrows as thick as rain, so that they seemed to fill the whole face of heaven, and began to fight the great battle uttering shouts of defiance. Then the Tamil commander, who was a man of great strength, cut off the head of Rakkha Lakṣāpura, and thus put an end to his valour. Thereupon the whole rebel host became helpless, and was utterly defeated and thrown into confusion like a flood of water that had rushed forth through the bounds of the sea. And the field of battle was covered over with ravens and vultures; and the Tamil commander, who had gained the victory and won great renown, held a great feast in honour thereof, and entered the city of Mahānāgakula at the head of his whole army.

Then Rakkha Kañcuki-nāyaka left Málāvaratthala* and went in haste to the city of Mahānāgakula and saw the Tamil commander. And he, being a wise man and one who knew what it was to be in season and out of season, took counsel with him and spake to him in this wise, saying, "According to the commands of our master we have taken the city of Mahānāgakula, but there remain yet many enemies that have not been destroyed, and who, with none to support them, have entered into the country of Khaṇḍavagga.† But it is not my desire that the strong men, who have but now gained a victory, should proceed thither in haste. We must therefore trust to the king our master for mercy."‡ So they tarried there, and sent unto them who were not open enemies but who had hid themselves in divers places, and persuaded them to take up their abode, each in his own country. And the two commanders spent their time in this manner at the city of Mahānāgakula.

But numbers of the enemy that had fled to Khaṇḍavagga turned to their side many chief men of factions, and assembled themselves together at the place Khaṇḍavagga, resolved to renew the war. Thereupon the Tamil commander thought to himself, saying, "The time is now come to fight the enemy," and he departed from the city of Mahānāgakula, and attacked the enemy

* Mārākaḍa, in Giruva pattu.

† Kaḍawat kóralé, between Balaggoda and Haldummulla.

‡ Literally "Our refuge is our master's feet."

fiercely at Bakagalla-Uddhavāpi, and put them all to flight, and returned in triumph.

128 Now, at that time, some of the enemy came up to the village
 Sanghabhedaka ; and Sūkarabhātu Deva,* the general, brought
 129 up his soldiers to Mahágāma with the intent to make war.
 Thereupon the Tamil commander also drew up his soldiers, and
 130 first sent them forward to the village Sangha-bheda ; and these
 131 valiant men went to the seat of war, and consumed a great
 number of the enemy by the fire of the glory of their noble king.
 And after they had held great feasts there they returned to the
 132 city of Mahánágakula. Then the Tamil commander sent Deva-
 133 Laṅkāpura, and many other warriors, to make war and seize the
 general (Sūkarabhātu Deva). And they marched forth to the
 134 field of battle, covering the whole sky with the arrows that they
 shot without ceasing. Then, with a great shout, these mighty
 135 men rushed into the midst of the fight and killed the general
 and routed the enemy, and, afterwards, themselves returned to
 Mahágāma, and delighted the heart of the Tamil commander
 with the sound of their triumphant drums.

136 Then a certain elder brother of Rakkha Laṅkāpura
 137 took upon himself the office of commander there, of his own
 accord, and gathered together numbers of the enemy who had
 138 escaped and were not slain in battle, and came to the city of
 Mahánágakula to fight for the sake of plunder. But the Tamil
 139 commander sent soldiers thither, and they slew him there and
 dispersed many of the enemy. But the strong men of the enemy
 140 that were defeated came to the place Kuravaka-galla ;† and
 Rakkha, the Tamil commander, came forth from the city of
 Mahánágakula and dispersed them, and returned afterwards to
 the city.

141 Then Lokagalla, whose surname was Vikkama, and many others
 of the enemy, came forth from the city and gathered themselves
 together at Mahágāma, with the intent to fight against Māna
 142 Mūla-potthaki. And Mūla-potthaki, who was surnamed Māna,
 with the help of his followers, soon gained the victory in that
 143 war. Thereupon the Tamil commander took counsel with his
 144 officers, and spake unto them, saying, "Our enemies have
 we defeated in every battle, and when we see them flee before
 145 us for fear on every side, we are wont to think that they have
 lost courage and will not renew the war. But their utter

* See chap. LXXIV., v. 127 *et seq.*

† Kerawaggala (?)

destruction have we not yet seen. They leave the open country 146
 (for a time) and hide themselves (in chosen places) here and
 there. Therefore let us allow them to return to the open country
 from their hiding places, and then shall we destroy them utterly.”
 So this wise commander, whose fame was great, returned to Púga- 147
 danḍávāṭa (whence he had set out). And the rebels knew not
 his device, but came down from their divers strongholds into 148
 the open country. And when the Tamil commander received a
 true report concerning this, he again set out from thence 149
 (Púgadanḍávāṭa) at the head of his valiant men, and made war
 with them, and slew the enemy at every place, yea, even great
 numbers of them that were in the village Bodhiávāṭa, and at the 150
 place called Sūkarāḷibheripásāna, and in the stronghold Madhut-
 thali. And he went into the open country, and there also he 151
 sent his host into divers parts thereof, and utterly destroyed 152
 great numbers of the enemy. After this he received a message
 from the chiefs of Huyalagāma and went to Kumbugāma.

Thereupon the commander, Mañju by name, who held the 153
 stronghold Huyala, with the two commanders Kiṭṭi and Bhúta, 154
 came to that very place (Kumbugāma), surrounded by many chief
 men, with great rejoicing. Then the commander Mañju sent 155
 unto Rakkha, the Tamil commander, and spake these words unto 156
 him: “Many of our enemies are they who have come from
 your country discontented, and are hidden in divers strongholds.
 We must make an end of them before they obtain a footing therein ; 157
 and then shall we proceed to overthrow the enemies that occupy 159
 the strongholds of Aṭṭha-sahasaka,* and seize Sugala the queen
 also. But if the enemies that possess the strongholds (of this
 district) should wax too numerous, and it be difficult for you to
 deal with them alone, then shall we send more soldiers (to help
 you).” And the Tamil commander approved his words, and 160
 began forthwith to search the forests and the rivers of that part
 of the country with his army. And he came up quickly with
 the enemy as they made haste to reach Málávaratthali, that so
 they might reach their strongholds in the mountains. And when 161
 they heard that he had set out to pursue them, they were sore
 afraid, and entered into the thick forest that covered the great 162
 hills. And the Tamil commander encompassed the wood and
 the mountain, and fought terribly with them, and utterly 163

* Aṭakalan kóralé. Most likely the war was fomented by the rebels of that district.

destroyed them. And he took the country of Dvādasa-sahassaka,*
 164 and delivered it of the enemy, and made inquisition concerning
 166 the behaviour of the enemies who were taken captive, and impaled
 many hundreds of them in the villages and towns. Afterwards,
 this commander, to whom great power was given, impaled many
 enemies round about the village of Mahánágakula also; and
 167 some he caused to be hanged and burnt to ashes. And he
 remained at the self-same village of Mahánágakula, and, at an
 168 hour when the stars foretold prosperity, he caused proclamation
 to be made of the rule of the gracious king, by beat of drums,
 throughout the villages and towns of the district. And when he
 169 had sent tidings of these things unto the king, and had received
 favours from him, this wise commander of great fame remained
 at the self-same village Dvādasa-sahassaka, making inquisition
 concerning the affairs thereof.

170 And in the meanwhile, the chief officers who remained at
 Kubbugāma communed with themselves in this wise, saying,
 171 "From the time that we departed to Rohaṇa for this war, the
 175 soldiers that we had sent to fight at divers places have strewed
 the ground with the bones of their enemies. It is not possible
 that they should resist these soldiers; nay, not even all the
 strong men who inhabit India (could do so). Why should we,
 therefore continue any longer to carry on the war with enemies who
 hide themselves in divers places for fear? It is Sugala the queen
 who is at the root of this rebellion, and sheltereth them in forests
 and strongholds in divers places. She it is, therefore, who should
 176 be taken alive." And when the officers, men of stout hearts,
 177 had resolved thus, they departed from Kubbugāma to Harita-
 kīvāta, and after that they had left good and fitting men of
 acknowledged valour in divers towns there, they went from
 thence, with their men clad in mail and armed with weapons,
 178 to Kanhavāta. And they came to the place Vanagāma; and
 there they met the enemy with the queen (among them), and
 179 fought a very fierce battle with them there. And the sound of
 their victorious drums seemed to rend the earth. And they
 180 seized the queen and all her treasure, and set proper guards to
 watch the treasure; and on that day and that place brought
 they the game of war that they had begun so well to a prosperous
 181 end. And they covered the land with the feet and the hands and

* Giruvá pattu (?) Dvādasa-sahassaka : lit. "The country of twelve thousand (villages.)" Giruvá pattu is still called "Giruvá Dolosdáha," or the Giruvá of twelve thousand villages.

heads of the enemy, and took captive them only whose lives it seemed fit that they should spare, and utterly freed the Rohaṇa country from the enemy.

Then the three Phālakālas, who (afterwards) met with their death, took with them some soldiers who had found means whereby to escape from the hands of their victorious enemy, and fled from them for sore fear, and also Taṇḍigama and the two Pabbatas, and Laṅkāpura, the two brethren known as the Kaḍakkūdas and (another) Laṅkāpura, and other chiefs, with many soldiers; and they assembled themselves together at the village Uddhana-dvāra, and were defeated there in a great battle, and were forced to fly to Nigrodha-Māragalla. Whereupon the great officers and chiefs pursued after the enemy, and cut off the head of Phālakāla and sent it to their chief officers. And they took Laṅkāpura and the two Pabbatas alive; and thus did they bring the enemy altogether to their last extremity.

Then did the commander Mañju counsel them in this wise: "From the time that we began to subdue Rohaṇa have we, by the might of the king our master, dealt destruction to the enemy in the field of battle only. But no punishment that could strike the enemy with terror has yet been dealt out to them, that so the people may be convinced how full of evil is the crime of resisting the king. Everywhere, therefore, should they be punished to the uttermost who deserve punishment, and favour be shown unto them that deserve favour. Thus shall we mete reward and punishment according to the wishes of our master." And every one received this wise counsel with reverence.

Thereupon they commanded a great number of the enemy to be brought before them, who deserved punishment; and after they had caused numerous stakes to be planted in villages and towns; they caused many hundreds of them to be impaled; and great numbers of the enemy they hanged, and some they burnt. In this manner did they thoroughly manifest (unto the people) the wonderful power of king Parakkama,—a power that it was hard to resist or difficult to overcome.

Afterwards they bestowed favours on them that deserved to be dealt with kindness, and, in due course, pacified the country like the clouds which, in the rainy season, cool a forest that was burned-by fire.

And when the king Parakkama heard these tidings he sent a letter full of great joy, commanding them in this wise, saying,

199 "Send hither first the officers who were taken alive, and Sugala
 203 the queen ; and give the whole charge of the country to Bhútádhikári after that ye have appointed proper chiefs over each district. And bring ye up also the army of four divisions that was sent from this city, with the great Order of Priests that dwell therein placed in the forefront thereof, and make haste hither ; and, on a day and hour that shall be reckoned lucky, let the officers, even all of them, appear before me."

204 Thereupon all the officers, disobeying naught of the king's commands as they were given to them, departed from Rohaṇa, surrounded by the great army, and came to the city of Pulatthi.
 205 And they were followed by the inhabitants of the city, with
 206 singing and music and clapping of hands and the waving of thousands of cloths on every side, and with shouts of triumph.
 207 And when they came to the magnificent palace of the king they
 208 saw there the gracious king of kings seated with great majesty on his throne of state, and cleansed their heads with the dust of his lotus-feet.

209 Thus did this chief of men, endued with a glory as fierce and terrible as the consuming fire of a burning forest, and conforming himself to the rules of polity and law, keen and clear in his judgment, and served by men of valour, free Rohaṇa from the enemies that infested it like thorns.

Thus endeth the seventy-fifth chapter, entitled "The Subjugation of Rohaṇa," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXVI.

1 **N**OW in the eighth year of this gracious king's reign, while
 2 he was yet diligently employed by day and night in
 3 advancing the welfare of the religion and the kingdom with discretion and judgment, all the inhabitants of the Rohaṇa joined themselves together and again rebelled against him ; the which peradventure they were constrained to by the force of a certain exceeding terrible crime that they had committed in a former birth, and were doomed thereby to utter destruction.
 4 When the king Parakkama heard of these things he sent thither
 5 again a great army with officers, and began the war without ceasing, as before, in all the villages and towns mentioned in the
 6 foregoing (chapter). And he made the forces of the enemy like

unto fuel consumed in the fire of his glory, and soon freed the whole country of Rohana from its enemies.

Again, in the sixteenth year of this great king's reign certain inhabitants of the country round about Mahátittha, whose days were soon to come to an end, rebelled and made war against him because that they counted it better (than submission). But, in the abundance of his devices, he sent a four-fold army thither, and destroyed the rebels, till they were made as the dust of the earth.

Now, because that the inhabitants of Laṅkā and Rāmañña professed the same true faith, there never was any difference between them. The lords of the island of Laṅkā and the rulers of the country of Rāmañña were alike exceeding zealous followers of the Blessed One. Wherefore many kings of old who reigned in the two countries had a great regard one to another, and lived as true friends. They sent rich gifts to each other in great number, and preserved their friendship for a long time without breach. And the king of Rāmañña, like the kings that went before him, continued the ancient friendship with king Parakkama Bálu also. But at one time this foolish king hearkened to the words of certain messengers who went from this country and uttered slanders in his ears; and thereafter he ceased to furnish the ambassadors of the king of Laṅkā who were at his court with the expenses that were given to them aforetime according to custom. And he also made a decree that the elephants that many persons had sold in his kingdom for export should not any longer be sold. Moreover, with evil intent, the king also set a high price on the beasts, commanding that the elephants which were sold in former times for a hundred nikkhalas* of silver, or a thousand, should now be sold for two thousand or three thousand. And he likewise put an end to the ancient custom of giving an elephant to every ship that bore presents to the king. Even when the messengers of the king of Laṅkā brought him letters written on leaves of gold, he robbed them of all their treasure, and imprisoned them in a fortress in the hill country, pretending that they were sent to Kamboja,† or saying something of that sort. And notwithstanding that he had heard how the king of Laṅkā had shown kindness to his ambassador Tapassi, this unjust king deprived the messengers of the chief

* Evidently a coin. I have not been able to ascertain its value. Cf. Niska.

† Cambodia.

- of Laṇkā of their wealth and their elephants and their ships
 25 and all that pertained to them. And he caused their feet to be
 beaten with sticks, and employed them to draw water in prisons.
 26 And on one occasion, when a certain chief of India, Kassapa by
 27 name, sent presents unto him of great value with a letter written
 on a leaf of gold, he hindered the men who bore them from
 landing, and then caused the presents to be taken from them
 with the letter and sent into the city with great dishonour.
 28 And after that he sent one day unto the Siphalese ambassadors,
 29 saying, "Henceforth shall ye not send ships from the Siphalese
 30 country into our country; and if the chiefs of the Siphalese do so,
 then should not any man blame us* if we put the messengers to
 death that come hither. Give us now, therefore, a writing,
 saying that ye have received intimation hereof; else ye shall
 31 surely not be permitted to return to your homes." And when
 he had thus put them in fear and had made them a promise
 that he would allow them to return to their own country, he
 caused them to put it in writing, and took the paper from their
 32 hands. And he commanded Vágissara the scholar and Dham-
 makitti the pandit† to be sent on the open sea in a ship that
 leaked (and was not sound).
 33 On a certain other occasion also he took the presents and the
 merchandise from the messengers whom the lord of Laṇkā
 had sent in charge thereof that they might buy elephants, saying,
 34 "Fourteen elephants shall we give you or their value in money."
 35 But he spake only a lie, and gave nothing unto them. After-
 wards again he violently seized a princess that the lord of Laṇkā
 had sent to the country of Kamboja.
 36 And when the king Parakkama Báhu heard of the many
 wrongs that were oftentimes done unto him by the king of
 37 Rámañña, he waxed exceeding wroth, and said: "What king is
 there in the whole of India that dare behave to my ambassadors
 38 in this manner?" And he sent unto his ministers, saying, "It
 seemeth necessary that we should now compass the king Arimad-
 dana‡ to take him captive or to kill him."
 39 Thereupon a certain Tamil commander of high rank in the

* I propose the reading of *Amhaṇ* instead of *Tumhaṇ*, as otherwise the passage would be meaningless. The construction of the whole passage is, however, obscure.

† These are evidently the names of the ambassadors who were accredited to his court.

‡ The name of the king of Rámañña.

army, A'dicca by name, stood up with his hands raised to his forehead. And as he was desirous to go to war he spake these words 40 unto the king, saying: "O king ! Tet not the chief ministers of the kingdom be employed in this work. Let the command be given 41 unto me, and I shall in nowise transgress the bounds of the king's orders. And surely it is not a hard thing even for me 42 alone to carry out successfully the wishes of my lord the king, whose commands no man can set at naught."

And when the king had hearkened unto him he was greatly 43 pleased, and set all the captains that were fit for the enterprise under him, and commanded him to depart quickly.

Then the great king commanded that they should make ready 44 many hundred ships of divers kinds, and that there should be no delay. And all the country round about the coast seemed like 45 one great workshop busied with the constant building of ships. And the building of all those ships was finished in five months ; 46 and he gathered them together with all speed at the port Pallava-vapka. And then the king, in his great majesty, supplied them to 47 the full with all things that were necessary for the enterprise, 48 namely, rice and other provisions for the voyage, that would last for one year ; armour, weapons, and the like ; hundreds and thousands of coats wrought of iron and skins of deer, to keep the sharp-pointed arrows from piercing them ; divers 49 kinds of medicines filled in the horns of bullocks as a balm to the burning wounds caused by poisoned arrows ; drugs of 50 divers kinds also to serve as antidotes if they should chance to drink of the poisoned waters of divers streams ; pincers of iron for drawing out the arrows with poisoned tips that, 51 by reason of their having entered deep into the flesh, could not be drawn out (by the hand) ; and likewise, physicians of 52 great skill, and nurses also. And the king, whom no one could 53 equal in ordering things aright, sent on board a mighty army numbering many thousands ; and sent out, in one day, all those 54 ships laden with good soldiers and much provision, so that the 55 fleet of ships that conveyed the great army seemed like an island moving in the midst of the sea.

But because of the stormy weather certain of these ships were 56 wrecked, and certain others were driven on strange lands. And 57 many soldiers of great skill who had embarked in one of the ships landed at Kákadipa,* and fought a battle there, and 58

* Crow island.

carried many of the inhabitants captive, and brought them away in safety, and took them before the king of Laṅkā.

59 But five of the ships, that carried a great host of strong men,
60 landed at the port Kusumi in the country of Rámañña. And these valiant soldiers were led by Kitti and Nagaragiri; and, being provided with weapons and armour, they advanced from
61 the port where they landed and fought many fierce battles, and
62 slew many thousands of the forces of the Rámañña country. Like furious elephants they destroyed a great number of cocoanut and other trees in the places round about them, and burned many villages with fire, and destroyed half of the kingdom.

63 And the ship which the Tamil general A'dicca commanded cast
64 anchor at the port Papphála in that country. And these men also, led by the Tamil commander, began straightway a fierce
65 and bloody war, and took many of the inhabitants captive, and
66 shook the kingdom of Rámañña greatly. And after this the mighty and terrible Siphalese entered the city, and spared not their weapons, and slew the king of Rámañña who had dis-
67 regarded the laws of nations. And when they had subdued the inhabitants of Rámañña and conquered the kingdom, these great
68 warriors rode on the noble white elephant and marched round the city without fear, and afterwards proclaimed by the beating of drums the supreme authority of the lord of Laṅká (over that kingdom).

69 Then the people of Rámañña trembled with fear (for the safety of their country), and seeing none other means of escape (from their troubles), they assembled themselves and took
70 counsel together. And they sent messengers with letters to the
73 Order of Priests that dwelt in the island of Laṅká, saying, "Take henceforth from us, as a yearly tribute, as many elephants as are necessary. We are deserving of compassion at your merciful and divine hands, who, by speaking words of counsel, can turn the king of Laṅká from his purpose, that so he may not
74 thus cruelly lay waste our possessions." And the king's heart was made soft towards them by the words that the priests of the
75 three brotherhoods spake unto him; and the people of Rámañña sent yearly many elephants, and entered again into a covenant with the lord of Laṅká, and made him a true friend.

76 And it came to pass that, at that time, Parakkama, the king of
79 Paṇḍu, who dwelt in the city of Madhurá, was besieged in his city by his warlike enemy, king Kulasekhara, who had encompassed the city with his army. And Parakkama, seeing that there was no

king in the country of India able to help him in his distress, sent messengers to the lord of Laṅkā, saying, "O thou, who art worthy of looking to for succour! I am but a grasshopper in the flame of my enemy's glory; let thy feet be a refuge unto me, like a fortress of adamant."*

And when the Chief of Laṅkā had hearkened to the words of the messengers, he spake unto them saying, "If we render not 80 help to him who seeketh refuge from us in his adversity, how then can the name of Parakkama Báhu† be given unto us fitly? He who hath chosen protection from us shall not be crushed by 81 any enemy. Behold the hare that has taken refuge in the moon;‡ what beast of prey can crush her? Laṅkāpura Daṇḍanātha!§ 82 go thou and destroy this Kulasekhara, and establish king Pandu in his kingdom, and return not till thou hast accomplished it."

Thereupon that most valiant captain, Laṅkāpura by name, 83 who knew the art of war, and destroyed his enemy like as a flame of fire destroyeth the forests, assented to the king's 84 command and received it with great joy, as if it were a garland for his head. And many chieftains that were skilled in war accompanied him; and he departed from the city with a great 85 host that none could withstand in battle, and came to Mahā-tittha.

And in the meanwhile king Kulasekhara put the king of 86 Paṇḍu to death with his wife and children, and took the city of Madhurā.

And when the mighty king (Parakkama Báhu) heard of these 87 things he sent a message saying, "Let the kingdom be seized and given to one of his offspring." And when he (Laṅkāpura) was commanded a second time, he proceeded to the haven Talavvilla,|| 88 which is on this side of the sea, and sent his great army on board there in many hundred ships, and then set out. And when they 89 had sailed one day and one night they saw the coast on the other side. And as the enemy stood there in readiness, he commanded 90 all his men to put on their armour on board their own ships;

* *Vajira-pañjara*, literally "a cage of diamond."

† One meaning of which is "He whose arm defends others."

‡ The dark figure visible in the full moon, supposed to resemble a hare.

§ Addressing the general by that name. Daṇḍanātha may mean a captain, or a commander, or a general.

|| Talavvilla is also a reading.

91 but as the ships stood in deep water* he feared that they would
 wet their armour if they landed in the self-same place. And he
 92 put them in hundreds of hulks, and commanded the men to hold
 their shields of hide before them whenever the Tamils rained
 93 their arrows on them from the beach. And in this manner he
 landed them at the haven called Talabbilla that was on the
 Pandian side of the country.

And the mighty Laṅkāpura drove back the Tamils who were
 94 left at that haven, and seized it and encamped there, and fought
 four battles. And when the five chieftains,† namely, Vaḍavalat-
 95 tirukkādi Nāḍālār,‡ Kuḍaya-muttu Rāyar, Villāvā Rāyar,
 96 Añcukoṭṭa Nāḍālvār, and Narasiha Deva, proceeded to give battle,
 97 he fought with them, and slew many Tamils, and seized their
 horses, and discomfited all their great host. And then he took
 98 Rāmissaram§ after he had fought five battles. Then he
 99 encamped there and fought nine battles more. And in the
 tenth battle he fought with these six chieftains, namely,
 Silāmegha, Naratunga Brahmahā Rāyar, Ilaṅkiya Rāyar,
 100 Añcukotta Rāyar, Paludiya Rāyar, Paṇasiya Rāyar, and with
 101 the five that are mentioned above, who came with a great army.
 And he prevailed against them, and slew many Tamils, and took
 102 many horses. And from thence he proceeded to Kundukāla,
 midway between the two seas, and four leagues distant from
 Rāmissaram. And the Tamils that were there fled for fear and

* The original has *agādha*, which means "very deep" (water.) This, I think, is a mistake; for it is difficult to understand why the ships stopped, turned back, or struck aground (as the word *nivattana* may be rendered) in "very deep water," or why the idea of putting down the men there should have occurred at all. The sea near Paumben, where the landing appears to have taken place, was known to be very shallow even in ancient times. (See Caldwell's History of Tinnevely, p. 22.) I believe, however, the meaning of the passage is, that the sea being *shallow* the ships struck aground, and through fear of wetting the soldiers' equipments if they waded from their vessels to the shore, and to avoid exposing them to the missiles of the enemy in doing so, the general devised the plan of sending the men ashore in boats, numbers of which were probably lashed together so as to admit of carrying great numbers of the men simultaneously.

† Sāmantas, or chiefs, of districts.

‡ I believe *Nāḍālār* or *Nāḍālvār* (from the Tamil *Nāḍu*, a country, and, *A'lvār*, a ruler) and *Rāyar*, denote the office and rank, and are identical with the office of Zemindar of the present, and Polygar of former times. For an account of them see Caldwell's History of Tinnevely, pp. 56-58.

§ "Rameṣvaram, the name of the celebrated temple on the eastern extremity of the island (of Paumben). Rāma's I'svara, Rāmas Lord, that is, Siva, recognised and worshipped by Rāma, according to the Śaivas as his lord." Caldwell's History of Tinnevely, p. 21.

entered into the forests; and he seized some of them and 103
 impaled them there. But the lord of Laṅkā thought it fit 106*
 that these self-same Tamils should repair all the Cetiya in
 Laṅkā that they had aforetime destroyed. And when he gave
 command to Laṅkāpura to that effect he sent some of them to
 Laṅkā, and set them to work at the Ratanavāluka Cetiya. And
 the lord of Laṅkā caused that Thūpa which the Tamils had
 breached to be built up by them.

And when the work was finished the king proceeded to 107
 Anurādhapura with his ministers and all his followers to hold
 the feast of the pinnacle (wherewith it was crowned). And he 108
 caused the great body of the Order throughout the island of
 Laṅkā to be assembled there, and ministered unto them with the
 four things that were necessary for their support. And when 109
 the fourteenth day of the moon was come, he caused drums to be
 beaten and proclamation to be made, saying, "Let the city be
 adorned, and let all the people go on the morrow to the 110
 place of the Great Thupa with perfumes and flowers and such
 like offerings." In this manner did he cause everything to be
 done properly according to the custom. And then on the day
 of the full moon the king adorned himself with all the grace 111
 of a god, with a diadem and a chain of gold and brace-
 lets and precious ornaments of such kind thickly set with
 divers gems. And many hundred women of the queen's 112
 chamber, whose forms, beautifully attired, were like those of
 goddesses for elegance, accompanied him, and many chieftains 113
 also, of great fame, clothed with divers robes and jewels and
 glittering ornaments. And the earth sunk, as it were, with the 114
 weight of this great multitude, and of the troops of horses and 115
 elephants in their trappings of shining gold, and of the wor-
 shippers who honoured the Cetiya with offerings of lamps which
 they carried on their bodies.† And every quarter thereof was
 covered, as it were, with parasols and banners and chowries;
 and the caverns seemed to burst asunder with the sounds of 116
 divers instruments of music; and the eyes of all the people

° In the original the editors of the Pāli text have made a mistake in numbering the verses of this group. I have, however, kept to those numbers to facilitate reference.

† At great festivals devotees carry lighted lamps on their heads and in their hands, and sometimes lighted frames which cover the whole of their bodies; and with these they walk round the Dāgobas to illuminate them. This is, I suppose, what is meant by *Sabbanga-dipu-pūjā* in the text.

were filled with tears of joy by reason of the exceeding great
 117 beauty of the sight; and the caskets and flags and vases and
 fans and pots and other utensils of gold sent forth rays which
 118 made all the place to seem yellow. And then the king came
 forth from his royal palace at the hour when the shadows
 lengthened,* and stood on the terrace of the Cetiya with the
 119 majesty of the king of the gods. Then many hundred priests
 went forth and compassed the Cetiya round like a wall of
 120 coral.† And then the king placed the pinnacle of gold on
 the top of the Cetiya, as if he displayed to the world the glory
 of Kelása‡ with the sun standing on the height thereof.
 121 And lo! there was no night in the city on that day. And
 wherefore came it? By reason of the king's Feast of Lamps or
 because of the glittering pinnacle that was set on the top of
 the Thúpa?

122 Thus did Parakkama Báhu, the defender of the land, hold
 this great feast in honour of the Thúpa; and then he returned
 to his own city of Pulatthi.

123 And the general (Laṅkápura) built a fortress at Kundukála,
 which he called Parakkama Pura. And as he wished to make
 124 it endure for a long time he built three walls of stone of great
 height round it, two thousand and four hundred cubits long, with
 125 twelve gates, and a court with four rows of buildings,§ and three
 trenches also, the waters of which flowed from the one into the
 126 other, as if from sea to sea. And while he dwelt in that fortress
 he subdued the chieftains Kaḍakkúdiya Rájá, Coḷagaṅga, and
 127 many others. But though the Siphalese thus gained strength
 128 daily, the king Kulasekhara remained not idle, but sent Sundara
 Paṇḍu Rájá and Paṇḍu Rájá again with many powerful chiefs
 129 that they may drive the Siphalese away from thence. But
 Laṅkápura fought with them and discomfited them in three
 130 battles, and took Carukkaṭṭa. And he proceeded from thence and
 131 fought a great battle with those chieftains and a Tamil, Aḷavan-
 dapperumál by name, and got the victory, and took the villages
 Koluvúru and Maruthúpa.

* At eventide.

† *Pavāla-vediká*. The word "vediká" is used to mean a low wall or terrace intended for various sacred purposes. The allusion is to the dark-red robes of the priests.

‡ The highest peak of the snow-clad Himálaya. The Thúpas being white and glistening edifices, the simile is obvious.

§ Military barracks?

And when the general had made the Maravár soldiers * of the country of Kaṅkuṇḍiya and of Kolúra to submit themselves to him, he went against the country of Vírangaṅga with a great army, and laid waste Kūṇappunalúr and the rest of the towns and villages therein. And Málava Ráyar, the chief of the country, and many thousand Tamils also he subdued, and held that country.

And after that he returned from that place to the city of Parakkama † that he might satisfy his men with rice and their wages. And while he was yet on the way he fought a battle with A'lavanda ‡ who was encamped at the village Vadali, and slew him.

And now, when the powerful king Kulasekhara, whose courage was like to that of a lion, and who had a great army of tried soldiers, and was himself cunning in the art of war, saw that he could not prevail against Laṅkāpura even though he sent his best officers against him with many men and much materiel, he resolved to go himself to the field of battle.

And he took with him Málava Cakkavatti and Málava Ráyar, Parittikkudaya Ráyar and Toṇdamá Ráyar, Tuvarádhipa Velár and Vírapperiya Ráyar, Senkuṇḍiya Ráyar and Nigaladha Ráyar, Kurummaḷatta Ráyar and Nakula Ráyar, Puṅkuṇḍa Náḍáluvár and Karamba Ráyar, and the Náḍálvars, by name Kaṇḍiyúru and Thalandúru, Káṅgayár and Vírangaṅga, Vemuva Ráyar and Alattúru Náḍálvár, and the three Mannaya Ráyars, and Kalavaṇḍiya Náḍálvar and Keralasīha Muttara,—these and other chieftains did he take with him, and the others aforementioned.

And he also took the residue of the forces that were left in the country of king Parakkama Paṇḍu ; and all the forces of the two Koppu countries that belonged to the two brethren of his mother, and all his forces also that were in the kingdom of Tirináveli. §

* "The Maravár or Vannian caste peculiar to Southern India..... As feudal chiefs, and at the same time heads of a numerous caste or class of the population, this caste constituted themselves, or were constituted by the peaceful cultivators, their protectors in times of bloodshed and rapine, when no central authority capable of keeping the peace existed." Caldwell's History of Tinnevely, p. 105. See also Row's Manual of the Tanjore District, p. 192.

† Parakkama Pura.

‡ See verse 130.

§ Tinnevely, which "should be written Tiru-nel-véli ; and the meaning of this name is the 'sacred rice hedge,' from *tiru* (the Tamilised form of the Sanskrit *sri*), sacred ; *nel*, paddy ; and *veli*, hedge." Caldwell's History of Tinnevely, p. 88. For the legendary derivation of the name read continuation of the same page.

146 And these are the names of the chieftains that he took with
 him : Niccavinoda Mánava Ráyar, Paṭṭi Ráyar, Taṇkutta Ráyar,
 147 Tompiya Ráyar, A'lavāṇḍap Perumál, Coḷa Konára, Taṅgap
 148 Perumál, Alakhiya Ráyar, Mánabharana Rájá, Avandiya Ráyar,
 149 Mundiya Ráyar, and Viṭṭára the Tamil. These chieftains took
 he with him ; and with a great army and chariots and horses he
 150 came nigh unto Parakkama Pura,* boasting to himself, saying,
 151 " This time shall I offer my oblations to the god at Rámissaram
 after that I have cut off the heads of the Siṅhalese." And he
 152 fortified the villages Erukotta and Idagaḷissara. And then he sent
 153 a great army by land, and many soldiers by sea in ships, to assault
 154 the fortress of Parakkama Pura ; and when the (two) great armies
 came up from this side and from that and joined their forces to-
 gether to battle, it seemed as if two seas had overflowed their banks.

Thereupon Laṅkápura set his great army in array, and went
 155 forth from the fortress and gave them battle. But the hosts of
 156 the Tamils who were engaged in this fight were smitten so
 grievously with the sword and with arrows that their hearts
 failed them, and they turned back and went to their own camp.
 157 And in this manner they fought fifty and three battles. And
 when king Kulasekhara saw that his army was discomfited in
 every battle he went forth from the camp and himself led it to
 158 battle. Then Laṅkápura caused all the gates of the fortress to
 159 be opened, and led his army, like a great mountain before him,
 160 in battle array. And he fought with the enemy and gained the
 victory, and slew many Tamils, and took their horses, and
 pursued after them unto Kurumbaṇḍaṅkali, and began to make him
 161 a stronghold there. Then Kulasekhara, who hitherto was a terror
 162 to his enemies, gathered together his great host that was broken
 and discomfited in battle, and chosing himself the flower of his
 army,† whom he loved like his own life, went up himself and
 fought a battle. And their swords flashed like thousands of
 163 fishes, and the horses were like waves in number, and the
 footmen as an expansion of water ; their parasols also were like
 seas of foam, and their arrows that flew about like streams, and
 the sound of their drums was like the roaring of the tempest ;
 164 yea, with all this, the field of battle on that day was as terrible
 as the mighty ocean itself.‡ And as the battle waxed fiercer

* The fortress built by Laṅkápura.

† *Sārabhūta*m, literally the pith or most precious portion.

‡ The whole simile is very tersely expressed in the original by the use of compound words.

and fiercer, the Siphalese, with their valour and might, satisfied the itching of their fingers for the fight. And they slew Villava 165 Ráyar and Coḷa Konára and the Yádhava Ráyars and a certain 166 exceeding powerful chieftain, and many hundred soldiers and officers of the king. The horse also, on which Kulasekhara rode, 167 they shot under him. Then Kulasekhara and his army turned their backs and fled, as if to give the Siphalese a better opportunity 168 to make a slaughter of them with their swords. And as he fled 169 from the field of battle, he left his valour behind him, and also his throne and his canopy and his ornaments and divers other things. Then Laṅkápura proceeded to the stronghold Erikkávúr, which 170 Kulasekhara his enemy had held, and burnt it to the ground; and built himself another fortress and tarried there awhile. And Laṅkávidu* (Laṅkápura) proceeded from thence and entered 171 Vaḍali. And setting out from thence he surprised Deviyá- 172 pattanam, and took it, and proceeded to Siriyavala. And at the stronghold Koluvukkotta, which Khudda-kaṅkuṇḍa Rávar held 173 there with a great host, he fought a fierce battle and assaulted and took it. And many of king Kulasekhara's officers he put to 174 flight in that battle, and took the stronghold, and burnt twenty and 175 seven large villages to the ground. And this great and terrible general abode in Dantika, and fought with the chiefs who held Kota and Vukka, and also with them that held the village of the Brahmins. And these are their names: Paṇḍiāṇḍár the Tamil, 176 and Coḷa Konára, and the chieftain Yádhava Ráyar, and Villáva Ráyar and Kálinga Ráyar and Sundara Paṇḍu Ráyar and Narasiha 177 Devar and Paṇḍiya Ráyar. And he utterly destroyed their forces 178 and slew many Tamils and took many horses. And as he had men 179 and materiel in abundance he remained in Kuṇḍayan-neka, and 180 brought Kuṇḍayamuttu Ráyar and Kaṇḍili Ráyar and Yádhava Ráyar, the three Tamil chiefs, into subjection. And as he knew 181 how things stood he tarried there, and compelled Paṇḍiya Ráyar, who held the stronghold Vikkama Colapper, and the three chief- 182 tains Paṇḍimaṇḍa Náḍálvár, Víramanṅga Ráyar, and Kappa Koṇ- 183 ḍappa Ráyar, and all the inhabitants of Kámaṇḍakotta, to submit themselves to him. And after that the valiant general proceeded to Maruthukotta, with the intent to carry on the great war. And there also he fought a great fight with Coḷa Konára and 184

* I see no reason why Laṅkápura's name is changed to Laṅkávidu in this place, as the metre does not require it. I am very much inclined to think it a clerical error for *kálavidú*, an epithet meaning "he who knew his time," which would be very appropriate here. Cf. *Tāna-vidú*, in verse 181.

185 Tondriya and another chieftain, Suttaddhāra by name, and with
 186 the Tamil Vīragangara, and likewise also with Kuttaddhāra and
 187 Kaṅgakottāna. And from thence he proceeded and remained
 at Paṇiva, and fought a great battle there with these chieftains,
 and these are their names: the two Alattūru Nāḍālvārs, Pandriya
 188 Rāyar, Villava Rāyar, and Culla Kaṅkuṇḍa Rāyar. And he
 189 discomfited them and dispersed them and took Paṇivakkotta; and
 returning from that place he went to Kaṅgakkotta and occupied
 190 it as he had done before. And from thence he proceeded to
 Aṇiṇalakkotta and fought a great battle with these chieftains,
 and these are their names: Khaṇḍamālava Rāyar, the two
 191 Vīragangaras, and Coḷa Konāra the Tamil. And he discomfited
 192 them all, and slew many Tamils and took many horses, and took
 that fortress and Nettūr also.* And he remained there and
 193 brought into subjection to him Kuttaṇḍa and Vīraganga and
 Taṅgapperumāl and their servants, many hundreds in number.
 194 Likewise also he brought Ilapkiya and Aṇcukotta Rāyar into
 subjection to him, and presented to them gifts—earrings and
 195 other ornaments; and conferred on Ilapkiya Rāyar the renowned
 title of Rājavesibhujanga-Silāmegha, which he desired greatly.
 196 And in the meanwhile it came to the ears of Laṅkāpura that
 197 Vīra Paṇḍu, the youngest son of king Parakkama Paṇḍu, had by
 198 some means escaped from the hands of the enemy when the king,
 his father, was discomfited and put to death with his wife and
 children, and that he even then dwelt in the Malaya country,†
 199 because he feared greatly to return to his own country. So he sent
 a messenger unto him, saying, “The king Kulasekhara and all his
 200 officers have I defeated here in more than one battle, and have
 taken half of the kingdom, and am now come within two or three
 201 leagues of the city of Madhurā. The king, my master, hoped to have
 been able to defend the king thy father; but when the enemy
 202 had put him to death, and tidings thereof came to the ears of our
 master, then commanded he unto us, saying, ‘If peradventure he
 who had sought protection from me hath been murdered by the
 203 king, his enemy, then slay ye him also, and bestow the kingdom
 of Parakkama Paṇḍu on one of his offspring, if any of them be
 204 yet alive’. Fear not, therefore, but hasten and come hither and
 rule over the kingdom which is the inheritance of thy father.”

† Nellore?

‡ The Hills.

And the prince duly hearkened to the message and delayed 205
not, and went up to him.

Then Laṅkāpura sent a letter to Laṅkā, to the great king 206
thereof, telling him that the prince had arrived destitute. And 207
when the great king had heard thereof he sent unto him gifts :
vessels of gold and silver meet to set food in for the king's table,
and lamps of gold and silver in great number, and raiment of 208
great price such as kings wear, and earrings, and chains for the 209
neck, and bracelets set with jewels. These and other gifts did
the king, in his great delight, send as tokens of his good-will and
pleasure. And the prince accepted them all with much affection, 210
making obeisance to the side that looked towards the king.

And then the powerful Laṅkāpura fought against Khaṇḍa- 211
deva Málava Ráyar, who held Muṇḍikkára, and drove him from
that place. And he remained there and forced the Tamils of 212
the two countries Kṣīa-maṅgala and Méla-maṅgala* to submit
unto him. Afterwards Málava Ráyar's heart failed him for 213
fear, and he humbled himself and sought protection from him. 214
And the valiant man (Laṅkāpura) gave back Muṇḍikkára to
him, and restored him to his place, and appointed him ruler of
the two Maṅgala countries, and made him chief of Gokaṇṇa-náḍu 215
in Muṇḍāṇṇakoṇḍa. Now Laṅkāpura, who at that time abode at
Aṇivaḷakkotta, proceeded from thence and suddenly entered 216
Neṭṭúr, and made war with the two Alattúru Náḍálvárs and 217
Kálinga Ráyar and Kalikála Ráyar, the chieftains who dwelt at
Mánavira Madhurá. And this powerful general fought a great 218
battle and slew many Tamils and Kalikála Ráyar among them,
and brought that Madhurá† also under his authority, and after- 219
wards compelled many Tamils and Muvaraya Ráyar and Kaṛum- 222
bulatta Ráyar to submit themselves to him. And after that this
powerful and terrible general, whom no man could subdue,
proceeded to the fortress of Alattúru Náḍál and fought a great
battle with Kálinga Ráyar and Culla Kaṅkuṇḍa Ráyar, and
drove them from that place, and burnt down many great villages,
and himself returned to Neṭṭúr.

Then there came from the south side of the country Culla 223
Kaṅkuṇḍa Ráyar, the two Alattúru Náḍálvárs, Mannaya Ráyar,
Parittikkunḍiyar, Senkunḍi Ráyar, and many other Tamils skilled 224
in the art of war ; and the chiefs Kálinga Ráyar, Tennavaṇṇapalla 225
Ráyar, and Aḷavandap Perumal, who were in great favour with 226

* Upper and lower Maṅgalas.

† Mánavira Madhurá.

the king Kulasekhara. And these all were men difficult to be
 227 overcome. And they made ready, each his own host, and
 assembled together at a place called Pátapata with great con-
 fidence, resolved that they would prevail against the enemy this
 228 time. And the skilful commander Laṅkápura, being informed of
 what they intended to do, sent his chiefs thither with a great
 229 host of men and materiel of war. And they went thither and
 compassed the whole fortress round about, and burnt down
 230 twenty great villages that were nigh unto it. Then they sent
 messengers unto Laṅkápura and told him thereof, and inquired
 231 whether they should assault the fortress or not. And when
 Laṅkápura had heard the news he sent a great force again, and
 232 gave them the command, saying "Assault the fortress." And
 when they received this command they began a fierce assault.
 233 And the battle that took place between the two armies there
 was exceeding violent, even as the raging of the tempest at
 234 the destruction of the world. And they slew thousands of
 Tamils, and Tennavappalla Ráyar also, who had great favour
 235 with the king. And Aḷavandap Perumál was wounded; and
 when he fled before them they slew him, and seized the horse
 236 on which he rode, and many other horses also. And the lion-
 hearted Siṅghalese broke and dispersed the Tamil host, and made
 the face of the goddess of Valour, that was like a lotus, to smile
 237 with joy. And when Laṅkápura had taken possession of Pátapata,
 he commanded the army that was there to return to him.

238 Afterwards Laṅkápura went up to Aṇivalakkikoṭṭa and
 brought Málava Cakkavatti and the Añcukkoṭṭas under his autho-
 239 rity. And when he had taken Toṇḍi and Pása in this manner, he
 proceeded to Kurundañkuṇḍi, that he might clear the northern
 240 country of the enemy. And then he persuaded Valuṭṭhi Ráyar
 to submit to him, and confirmed him in his office, and gave him
 241 presents: bracelets of gold and such like ornaments. And from
 242 thence he proceeded to Tirivekambama, and persuaded Silámegha
 Ráyar and Kanasi Ráyar and Añcukoṭṭa Náḍálvár to submit
 themselves to him, and gave gifts and favours to all of them as
 243 he had done before. Then he persuaded Puṇkoṭṭa Náḍálvár
 also to submit himself to him, and gave gifts and favours to him
 also, as he had done before.

244 Afterwards that man of great valour (Laṅkápura), who was
 wont always to use great plainness of speech, sent a message to
 Málava Cakkavatti, desiring him to submit himself to his au-
 245 thority; but he showed not himself, and departed to Semponmári;

and Lapkápura himself pursued after him to Semponmári with the intent to seize him. Now, it was said of Semponmári that it 246 was a fortress which the hosts of the Cholians had failed aforetime to take, even though they had fought against it for two years. But the lion-hearted Siphalese assaulted this 247 fortress, even though it was so hard to have access to it, and 248 broke down two walls and four gates thereof, without even spending half a day at it. And then they entered the stronghold one by one like unto so many elephants, and slew many 249 hundred Tamils, and thus took Semponmári in a moment.

Then the Kallar and the Maravar and the Golihálá and the 250 Kuntará and the Vallakkuttár and the U'cena hosts, and the 251 mighty army of the country of the Añcukkottas, in number about 252 fifty or sixty thousand—a host of Tamils of exceeding great strength—compassed the stronghold that the Siphalese held, and 253 straightway began to make ready for a fierce assault. Then Deva 254 Lapkápura and Sora Lapkágiri, men whose courage could not be 255 subdued, opened the gates of the tower on the south side, and rushed forward with their hosts, and slew the Tamils by thousands; and these lion-hearted men destroyed the Tamil force that had 256 come from that side with great fury, as though lions were rending in pieces a herd of elephants. And the commander, Gokanna, and 257 Loka, surnamed Kesadhátu, went forth that moment from the south gate and slew a great number of the enemy on the field of 258 battle, and dispersed the residue that were not slain. And Kitti, 259 the powerful Kesadhátu, and a certain fearful chief, Jagad Vijaya by name, rushed out from the north gate and slew a great number 260 of the mighty men among the Tamils, and speedily destroyed the Tamil forces on that side. Thus did the Siphalese make a 261 speedy slaughter of the forces of the Tamils, and put them all to flight in one day, and enter again the famous stronghold of 262 Semponmári in triumph after that they had taken many horses and distinguished themselves by many deeds of valour.

And then he brought to subjection under him the hosts of the 263 Kuntavará and the Kallar, the hosts of Golihala and the Maravars, the Vallakkuttára hosts, them that followed U'cena, the two 264 hosts of Thalayúru Náðalvár and Kaggayár, the inhabitants of Thalayúru Náðu, the hosts of Kalahai Náðu, the inhabitants of 265 Thalayun Náðu, and Kákan Náðu,*—all these Tamil hosts, yea, 266 even all who dwelt on this side of the country from the village 267

* Kákannáðu, Coconada

Colláru unto the boundary of the Coḷa country did he bring into subjection under him. And Laṅkápura bestowed on them gifts and favours as he had done before.

268 Then the Vessas* and Yavanas† brought presents unto him, which he received, and satisfied them also with many presents
269 and favours (from his hands). Afterwards he gave Semponmári to Málava Cakkavatti, who had sought protection from him, and
270 confirmed him in his own office. And he departed from thence and went again to Tiruvekambama, and from thence to Kurundaṅkuṇḍi.

271 Now, at that time Kalavaṇḍi Náḍálvár, who had become powerful, fought against Málava Ráyar, and took Muṇḍikkára.
272 And when Málava Ráyar saw none other help for him, he came unto Laṅkápura and besought him, saying, "Be thou my
273 refuge." Then Laṅkápura, who directed the affairs of the war,
274 sent unto the principal officers, the two Kesadhátus, who were known to all men by the names Kitti and Loka, and to Gokaṇṇa the Daṇḍanatha,‡ and commanded them to seize upon Muṇḍikkára and restore it to Málava Ráyar. And they went thither and fought a great battle with Kalavaṇḍi Náḍálvár, and drave
275 him from that place, and killed many Tamils; and after that they had placed Málava Ráyar in his former office they returned and joined Laṅkápura.

277 Moreover, another chief, Puṇkoṇḍa Náḍálvár by name, went up to Siriyavala,§ and took it. And, tarrying there, he fought a
278 great battle with Málava Cakkavatti and drove him to the village Jayaṅkottána, and forthwith took possession of Semponmári. And when Laṅkápura heard thereof, being a man of
279 courage and great resolution, he made haste and left the fort of Aṇivalakki, and went to Tirivekambam with the intent to take
280 back Semponmári; but Puṇkoṇḍa Náḍálvár having heard thereof, left Semponmári in great fear, and went up to Sirivala.
282 And when the brave Laṅkápura arrived at Semponmári, Puṇkoṇḍa Náḍálvár came thither to submit himself to him; but he
283 changed his mind afterwards and returned to Siriyavala and showed not himself. And Laṅkápura pursued after him to that

* *Vessas*, Vaisyas. The agricultural and mercantile caste.

† *Yavanas*, the Moors or Arab descendants.

‡ A leader of a company or column of troops. I have sometimes rendered it by general or commander. From *Daṇḍa*, 'a column,' and *Nátha*, 'a leader or chief.'

§ "Sherevail," a fortified village of the Marudas. See Caldwell's *History of Tinnevely*, p. 214.

village, and compassed it, and began to assail it fiercely. Then 284
 Puṅkoṇḍa Nádálvár sent messengers unto him, saying, "If now
 I shall find favour in thy sight, then will I submit myself unto 285
 thee; but if not, I am overwhelmed with fear, and dare not do
 so." And when Laṅkápura had heard the message he sent unto 286
 him, saying, "Let him come hither without fear." And when 287
 the message of Laṅkápura, who always spake the truth, came
 unto him, he laid aside his fear and went before him. And the 288
 great warrior bestowed many gifts and favours on him, and sent
 unto Málava Cakkavatti and reconciled them to each other, and 289
 then restored them, each to his former office, and himself went
 to Neṭṭúr.

And after these things he repaired and built two tanks that 290
 were destroyed at Rájasiṭha-Mahála and the famous village Válu-
 gáma, and likewise also two tanks at Siriyavala and Perum- 291
 payala, and caused the land to be tilled. And in the meanwhile 292
 king Kulasekhara gathered together the forces of Tirinávela and
 those also of his mother's brethren which were at Ten-kongu and
 Vaḍa-kongu. And as he was skilled in devising means whereby 293
 he might prevail against his enemy—namely, reconciliation and 294
 the like—he won over many Tamils who had already submitted
 themselves to Laṅkápura, and having an abundance of materiel,
 he made ready for war. Then Laṅkápura, whose mind was ever
 watchful, when he heard of this deed, caused all the treacherous 295
 Tamils to be utterly destroyed, in obedience to the commands of
 the king his master, that the wicked should not be spared. Now, 296
 at this time, the great king sent Jagad Vijaya, whom no man in 297
 all the land excelled in courage, with a great host of horsemen
 and footmen that he might support Laṅkápura. And this mighty
 warrior went over the great sea and arrived at Aṇivalakki. And 298
 the famous Laṅkápura went out from Neṭṭúr to Aṇivalakki to
 meet him, who had just then come thither; and when he had 299
 embraced him and spoken words of kindness and civility with
 him, the victorious general returned to Neṭṭúr. And the fame of 300
 his valour was spread abroad, and he departed to the place
 Mudrannaddhána, and tarried there, as he was well acquainted
 with the place. And he fought a battle at a place called Maṅ- 301
 gala, and routed the enemy, and killed many soldiers, and took 302
 alive only such as should have been taken, and seized many
 horses that were left by the enemy on the field of battle. And 303
 he departed from thence and went to Orittiyúru-Toṇḍama, and
 fought a great battle with these chiefs, namely, Puṅkoṇḍa

304 Nádálvár, Silámeghara, and Añcukkotta Nádálvár; and by reason
 of his exceeding great and terrible skill he slew a great number
 305 of Tamils. And from thence he went to Sirivala and burnt the
 306 two-storied palace and fortress of Puṅkoṇḍa Nádálvár down to the
 ground, because he had not submitted to him, and departed from
 Tirikkánapper.

307 And in the meanwhile Jagad Vijaya went up to Neṭṭúr from
 309 Añivalakki, and departing from thence he destroyed the fortress
 Madhuram-mánavira, Patta-Nallúr, and Soraṇḍakkota, to which
 no man had access, and returned to Neṭṭúr and tarried there, and
 caused Alattúru Nádálvár and Culla Kaṅkuṇḍa Ráyar to submit
 310 themselves to him. And at one time when this powerful com-
 mander was at Patta-Nallúr, he sent messengers to Laṅkápura,
 311 saying, "It is needful for me that you should make haste and
 meet me at the river Síha, and you shall then of a certainty
 312 know all that I have to tell you of." And when Laṅkápura
 received the message he made haste and departed straightway
 313 from Neṭṭúr with his great army. And the forces of the enemy
 314 that were encamped at Tiruppálúr armed themselves and went
 out with a great number of horsemen, and fought fiercely against
 the enemy in the midst of the way. But the brave men, whom
 315 Deva-Laṅkápura and the other warriors led into battle, speedily
 brake their ranks and scattered the great host, like as the rays of
 316 the sun that dispel a thick darkness. Thus did Laṅkápura, the
 fury of whose might was like the fire at the destruction of the
 world, take Tirrupáli in a moment. And he abode in the self-
 same place.

317 And Jagad Vijaya, the commander, who was skilled in all the
 318 devices of war, defeated the forces of the Tamils of Pannaṭtak-
 kotta in battle, and took their strongholds and remained in the
 same place.

319 Then king Kulasekhara, who was an exceeding violent man,
 joined himself to Tuvarádhipa Velár, Toṇḍa Mánar, Vírappe
 320 Ráyar, Nigaladha Ráyar, Kalaváṇḍi Nádálvár, and Kaṅgaya
 321 Ráyar, and armed a great number of his own fighting men, and
 322 came to the city of Rájiná fully prepared for war. And this
 mighty and terrible man commanded his great host to make war
 323 with Laṅkápura. And Laṅkápura, who was skilful in command,
 324 sent tidings of these things to Jagad Vijaya with a message,
 325 saying, "Come up quickly from one side, with your army in battle
 array, to join me, so that we may fight against the king Kula-
 sekhara and put him to flight." And when he had sent this

message he put his mighty army in battle array, and departed 326
from that place, and fought a great battle with the forces of
the Tamils. And their forces were broken there, and they fled
and straightway entered the city of Rájina,* and shut the gates 327
thereof both small and great, and the towers also, and closed
themselves therein with their king.

Then Gokanna Daṇḍanáyaka, Loka Kesadhātu, and Deva 328
Laṅkápura, the foremost among the valiant men who pursued after
them, joined themselves together and forced the western gates, 329
and battered the walls and towers (on that side). And Deva 330
Laṅkápura and Gokanna Daṇḍanáyaka broke down the wall and
the tower and entered in. Then Loka Kesadhātu, an exceeding 331
mighty chief, and haughty withal, thought within himself,
saying, "By the way that others have opened shall I not enter."
So he slew many men and cut down many horses, and brake 332
the southern gate and straightway entered the city. Then the 333
king Kulasekhara was overwhelmed with terror, insomuch that,
leaving behind him even the clothes that he wore, he opened the 334
eastern gate and got out by the tower, and fled and escaped from
the hands of the enemy by some good luck.

Then did they slay many soldiers of the Tamils, and take 335
many horses and much treasure also. And they rejoiced greatly 336
at their victory, waving their garments on high and leaping for
joy, and clapping their hands together and making themselves
merry.

And Laṅkápura and Jagad Vijaya Náyaka also, with the rest 337
of their valiant men, came up to Rájina.

Thus do the desires of those attain unto perfection, who have 338
gained merit (in former births) and are endued with great
wisdom, who understand law and government and regard awful
glory as a mine of wealth, and whose courage faileth them
not, even as the moon increaseth day by day in the two bright
weeks of the autumn.

Thus endeth the seventy-sixth chapter, entitled "An Account
of the Capture of the City of Rájina," in the Mahāvamsa,
composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

* The Páli text has *Rájinda*, which, I think, is a clerical error for *Rájina*.
Cf. verse 321 and the concluding paragraph of this chapter.

CHAPTER LXXVII.

1 **A**ND the king Kulasekhara fled from that place (Rájiná) in
 2 fear, and took up his abode in the fastnesses of Tonḍamána.
 3 And the hosts of Vírānukkar, Kakkola, and Madhurak-
 4 kúra came to Rájiná and told Laṅkápura everything concerning the
 5 king Kulasekhara, and invited him to go to Madhurá. And Laṅká-
 6 pura and Jagad Vijaya Náyaka went up to the city of Madhurá in
 7 great splendour, and gave the city in charge to Víra-Paṇḍu, saying,
 8 "This is the house in which thou wert born, and this was the
 9 habitation of thy father," and themselves remained there. And
 10 they sent unto these (chiefs and princes), namely, Sirivallabha
 11 Rájá, Náráyana, Parakkama Paṇḍu, Virappe Ráyar, Maṇṇaya
 12 Ráyar, Senkuṇḍi Ráyar, another Virappe Ráyar, and Keraḷa-
 13 siha Muttara, and gave ornaments to them and other gifts. To
 14 Colagaṅgara, who had submitted himself unto Laṅkápura, they
 15 gave the country Parittikkunḍi, which he had possessed aforetime,
 16 and restored him also to his office. But Kalavāṇḍi Náḍálvár, who
 17 had come to Madhurá to submit himself, returned to his country
 18 and showed not himself, saying, "I fear to show myself (lest
 19 some evil befall me)." Therefore Laṅkápura went against his
 20 country to take it. And the great warrior, whom no man could
 21 resist, fought against him and put him to flight, and, as he had
 22 great power and authority, he seized the country Alagvánagiri.
 23 Then another Kalavāṇḍi Náḍálvár, surnamed Súrādeva, besought
 24 the general that he would protect him, and prayed that that coun-
 25 try might be given unto him. And Laṅkápura gave that country
 26 to him who had entreated it. And then the great general went
 27 up to the country of Kurumba Ráyar and brought him to submis-
 28 sion, and Kaṅgayar also, and tarried in that district.*
 29 And that he might bring Nigaladha Ráyar also into submission,
 30 the valiant general departed from thence to the place called
 31 Tiripputtúr. And Nigaladha Ráyar gathered together his army
 32 and joined himself unto the Cholian chieftains Akalanpa Náḍálvár,
 33 Kaṇḍambi Ráyar, Malayagha Ráyar and Kiñcúratta Ráyar.
 34 And he took their numerous hosts and a great number of
 35 their horses, and went up and began a war against them, which

* *Nigama*. The sense in which this word is used here is uncertain. I have rendered it "district." The Sinhalese translators use the same word (*Niyama*), as they generally do when words of obscure meaning occur.

it was difficult to bring to an end. But at length he defeated the 20
 hosts of the enemy and his allies and his footmen, and pursued 21
 after them on the highway from Tiripputtúr until they came to
 Pon Amarávati, a space of three leagues, which was, as it were,
 one heap of flesh (by reason of the great slaughter of the
 enemy). And the hosts of the Sinhalese utterly routed that great 22
 army and entered Pon Amarávati. And they burned down the
 three-storied palace that was built there ; and many other houses 23
 and barns also that were full of paddy* did they burn down.
 And this valiant commander, that he might calm the fear of the 24
 inhabitants of the country, made a proclamation by beat of
 drums (assuring them that he would protect them). And so he
 brought the people under his authority and returned to Madhurá.

Now at this time the king (Parakkama Báhu) sent forth com- 25
 mandment—and his commandments were urgent—that they
 should make ready to hold the festival of the coronation of the
 prince Vira Paṇḍu. And when Laṅkāpura received the king's 26
 urgent command he began forthwith to make ready for the cere-
 mony of coronation. And he appointed Málava Cakkavatti and 27
 Málava Ráyar and Thalayúru Náḍálvár, men of the Lambakaṇṇa
 race, to perform the duties of the office of Lambakaṇṇa.† And he, 28
 whose authority no man dared to resist, caused proclamation to be
 made by beat of drums throughout the kingdom, and commanded 29
 all the chieftains of the Paṇḍu kingdom to gather themselves
 together, arrayed in all their robes and ornaments, and attended
 by all their followers. And he caused the prince to be anointed 30
 duly in the temple which stood at the northern gate of the palace 31
 of the former kings, and which aforetime had been honoured with
 the sound of the drums of victory. And the famous general
 then caused the prince to go round the city in state.

In the meanwhile the king Kulasekkara, who had fled to the fast- 32
 nesses in the mountains of Tonḍamána, brought Tonḍamána over
 to his side. And, taking his (Tonḍamána's) forces and his own hosts 33
 with him, and one Anujívi Samiddha, a man of great and terrible
 might, he went forth from the fastnesses in the mountains and 34
 attacked the stronghold Mangala, and fought a great battle there 35
 with Maṇṇaya Ráyar and Senkuṇḍi Ráyar, who had submitted 36
 themselves to the Sinhalese, and took that fortress and so held it.

* Rice in the husk.

† *Lambakaṇṇa-dhuraṇa*. This was probably some office connected with the ceremonial at the crowning of kings, and which the nobles of this race had to perform.

Then Laṅkāpura, when he had found out for certainty how
 37 things stood, thought to himself, saying : “ This king, our enemy,
 must I drive away from that place also, and not return thence until
 I have cleared of all its enemies that country of rocks and
 38 mountain fastnesses.” So saying, he departed from the city of
 Madhurá and went and fortified himself near Mangalakotta.
 39 And then he carried on a great war with the brethren of the wife
 of Toṇḍamána, who held the stronghold Vellinába with a great
 host, and with the Vellár Kallakka and Munayadha Ráyar and
 40 Kalinga Ráyar. And the famous man seized that fortress and slew
 41 many Tamils, and then took Sivaliputtúr,* and remained there.
 42 Now at that time the king Kulasekhara, his rival, gathered
 43 together the forces that were at Tirináveli, and sent messengers to
 his mother’s brethren and obtained the forces also of Ten Koṅgu
 44 and Vaḍa Koṅgu ; and as he had now a great army he commanded
 them all to remain at their posts at the fortress Sántaneri.
 45 Then Laṅkāpura and Jagad Vijaya Náyaka commenced forth-
 with to march on the way thither that they might take that
 46 fortress. But the king Kulasekhara, who was skilful in devising
 devices, caused the bund of a great tank to be cut that so he
 47 might stop the way of the enemy. And when the mighty Laṅká-
 48 pura heard thereof he bethought himself, saying, “ The sight of
 an empty tank forebodes not good to one who is on his way to
 fight a great battle.” And as there was a great host with him
 49 he forthwith caused the breach to be built up, and then went
 up against that stronghold with great power and might, and
 50 fought a great battle and took it. And he slew Kalakka the
 Velar and many other Tamils, and took many Tamils also and
 51 horses captive. And straightway from thence he entered the
 two villages of Toṇḍamána, called Sirimalakka and Kattala.
 52 And Sirimalakka he burnt to the ground and left nothing but the
 name thereof, because he had heard that Parakkama Paṇḍu
 53 was slain there.† And departing from thence the famous general

* Sirivilli-puttúr. Caldwell’s History of Tinnevely, pp. 61, 110, and 113.

† The second part of verse 52 runs thus in the revised original :—*Katvá Parakkama Paṇḍu Rájá etthágato iti*, which makes no sense either in itself or with the context. The literal rendering of it would be, “ Having made king Parakkama Paṇḍu had come here.” The Sinhalese translators have not translated this passage in the body of the work, but have, in a corrigenda prefixed to it, given the literal translation with a remark that it looks like a superfluous passage in the place. The fact, I think, is that a slight clerical error has altered the sense of a most important passage. I have, therefore, translated the passage, taking the true reading to be *Sutvá Parakkamo Paṇḍu*

went up to the village Colakulantaka and tarried there some time.

And the king Kulasekhara went up himself to a place called 54 Palankotta,* together with his two uncles and their armies and many horses. And chieftains also of Cola and their hosts took he with them, namely, Akalanpa Náđálvár and Pallava Ráyar and 55 Malayappa Ráyar and Kaṇḍamba Ráyar and Kincáratta Ráyar, 56 who was a mighty and powerful man; and also Kalaváṇḍi Náđálvár 57 with his force, and Puṅkoṇḍi Náđálvár at the head of his host. And as he had by this means waxed very powerful, he resolved 58 that he would this time prevail against his enemies, and com- 59 manded his great army to remain at Pandu Náđukotta and U'riyeri.

Then Laṅkápura and Jagad Vijaya Náyaka proceeded from 60 the village Colakulantaka to give them battle. And they 61 ordered the things in such a manner that the enemy's forces that had entered within the two great fortresses cared not to fight in the open field. And so they raised a strong fortification on the upper 62 side of the tank in the village U'riyeri, and remained in it at night. And the forces of the enemy that were in the two strongholds broke 63 forth and went up to the place where the king Kulasekhara was.

Thereupon Laṅkápura and Jagad Vijaya Náyaka, men who 64 were skilful to seize their opportunity, went up to Palankotta. And these heroes fought a terrible battle with the king their 65 rival, and slew many strong men and took many horses, and 66 straightway drove king Kulasekhara and took Palankotta. And from thence they went up to a certain (chief), Tuvárádhipa 67 Velára by name, and took possession of the horses and elephants that he had delivered over to them of his own accord. But when 68 they heard that King Kulasekhara had gone up to Madhurá, they resolved to expel him out of that place, and departed from thence, and went up to Adharatṭeri. And there they brought 69 Nigaladha Ráyar over to their side, and bestowed on him many

Rája ettha hato iti. The reason why Sirimalakka, out of the two villages of Tonḍamána that had been entered into, was particularly selected to be burnt down completely becomes now obvious, namely, because it was there that Parakkama Paṇḍu (father of Vira Paṇḍu), who had solicited the aid of Parakkama Báhu, had been slain.

Subsequent to writing the foregoing note I have found out that my conjecture and amended reading are correct. See variant at foot-note of the text in chap. LXXVI., verse 86, where the line occurs exactly as I have amended it here. It is evident that the line must have been displaced by some careless copyist, whose copy must have been followed by other transcribers.

* Palamcottah, the modern name.

- 70 gifts and favours. And as they yet went forth from that place the
king Kulasekhara was filled with fear and entered the Coḷa country.
- 71 And after this Laṅkāpura commanded the officer Jagad Vijaya
72 Náyaka to remain at the place called Patta Nallúr, and he
himself went at the head of his army to Tirukkánupper.
- 73 And King Kulasekhara obtained favour in the sight of the
Cholian king by reason of his entreaties and his cunning.
And at the command of that king he took the army and the
horse of Pallava Ráyar, and these chiefs of the forces of the
74 Uccapkuṭṭha country; namely, Inandapada and Toṇḍamána,
75 Rája-Rájakaḷappa and Pattá Ráyar, Kaṅga-koṇḍakalappa Ráyar
76 and Nakará Nibilupádi Ráyar, Niccavinoda Mánava Ráyar and
the brave Narasíha Padma Ráyar, Sekíra Padma Ráyar and
77 Rájiná Brahmahá Rájá, Mádhava Ráyar and Nigaladha Ráyar,
78 Coḷa Konára, Chandab Brahma Mahárájá, and Coḷa Nirikka
79 Ráyar. He also took Niyaráya and Kappincimpekula, Mádhava
80 Ráyar and Kaṇḍuvetṭi, Koṅgamaṅgala Náḍálvár and Akalaṅka
81 Náḍálvár, Kaṇḍamba Ráyar, Kīlamāṅgala Náḍálvár, and Visála
Muttu Ráyar, and all their horses, and sent them to Toṇḍi
and Pása.
- 82 And when Laṅkāpura heard of these things he resolved
83 to destroy them so that their name only may be left. And so he
commanded Jagad Vijaya Náyaka to remain at Madhurá, and
84 himself departed from Tirikkanapper and came to the city of
Kīḷe Nilaya, on the utmost border of Madhurá. And then the
85 hosts of the Cholians went against him in great force. But
Laṅkāpura defeated them and strewed the road to a space of
about four leagues with the dead bodies of the slain. And he
slew many soldiers, even those that cast themselves into the sea,
86 and made the water thereof red with the blood of the enemy.
- 87 And he took many horses and Tamils also, and carried Rájinda
Brahmahá Rájá, Nandi Padmara, and Coḷa Konára also, captive.
88 Moreover, the mighty general burnt Vaḍa Maṇamekkuḍi and
89 Maṇamekkuḍi and Mañcakkuḍi also, even to the ground. And
seven leagues distance also of the Coḷa country did he burn down
90 with fire. And when he had thus rid himself of the Cholians he
returned thence and entered the village Velankuḍi that belonged
91 to Nigaladha Ráyar, and sent a message unto him that he should
come thither. But he had already gone over to the king Kula-
92 sekhara. And when he had joined himself unto him, and his
93 forces unto those of Silámeghara and Akalaṅka Náḍálvár and
Kaṇḍamba Ráyar and Malayappa Ráyar and Visála Muttu Ráyar

and Kaḷavāṇḍi Nāḍālvār and the forces of Tirināveli and 94
 Puṅkoṇḍa Nāḍālvār, he waxed very powerful, and went forth to
 Pon Amarāvati to fight a great battle.

But when the powerful Laṅkāpura had heard of these things, he 95
 made haste and departed from Velanṅkuḍi that he might subdue
 the king, his adversary. And the mighty and terrible general came 96
 forth from five sides and fought a great battle with the hosts
 of the enemy, and defeated and scattered them in an instant.
 And he slew thousands of Tamils, and took many horses, and put 97
 the king Kulasekhara to flight.

Then Nigaladha Rāyar feared greatly and sent unto him, 98
 saying, "I pray thee take away all my treasures and my horses, 99
 and forgive me this mine offence." And when this message was
 brought to Laṅkāpura he returned answer, saying, "Of a surety 100
 shouldst thou have obeyed my command. There is no need to
 me of thy treasures or of thy horses; but fear not, and present 101
 thyself before me." And when he heard this he presented him-
 self before Laṅkāpura. And when Laṅkāpura saw him, he gave 102
 him gifts, and his country, and much treasure also wherewith to
 build his house that was burned down with fire.

And the famous general departed from thence and returned 103
 to his place, and delivered the whole of that country from
 the enemy. And he commanded that the Kaḥāpaṇa coin, bear- 104
 ing the superscription of King Parakkama,* should be used
 throughout the country, and gave over that kingdom to the 105
 prince Vīra Paṇḍu. And the men and horses and elephants 106
 that he had taken in great numbers from the countries of Coḷa
 and Paṇḍu he sent straightway to Sīhala.

Then the King Parakkama Bāhu, the lion of kings, founded 107
 the fruitful village Paṇḍu Vijayaka, to be a witness of his
 conquest of the Paṇḍu country; and because that he was always 108
 a lover of charity he gave it to the Brahmans (to be held by
 them) for ever.

So triumphs Parakkama Bāhu, the chief of the race of kings, 109
 whose power and might are infinite. And so bears he rule alone
 over the earth that the ocean boundeth by the supreme power
 that he possesseth to discern right and wrong.

Thus endeth the seventy-seventh chapter, entitled "The
 Conquest of the Paṇḍu Country," in the Mahāvāṇsa, composed
 equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

* These coins are still found.

CHAPTER LXXVIII.

1 **AND** thus did Parakkama Báhu, after that he had been
 2 anointed king, establish order throughout Laṅká. And
 3 being skilled in policy, he was desirous to further the
 4 religion of the Master, which he loved greatly, and which was his
 5 chief purpose in establishing the kingdom. In the villages that
 6 were given to the Order, purity of conduct among priests consisted
 7 only in that they supported their wives and their children.
 8 Verily there was none other purity except this thing.* Neither
 9 was there any unity in the performance of the offices of the
 10 church ; and those priests that walked a blameless life cared not
 11 even to see each other. And when the king saw these things
 12 he was minded first to reconcile the monks of the three Frater-
 13 nities to each other that he might thereby promote the welfare of
 14 the religion of the Conqueror. And as the king Dhammāsoka
 appointed Moggaliputtatissa (to be the chief of the Council of
 Elders that was held in his reign), so also did this lord of the
 land appoint the elder Mahá Kassapa (to be the chief of the
 Council of Elders that he held). He was learned in the three
 Piṭakas and knew the Vinaya wholly, and was like unto a
 solitary light in the succession of the elders, waiting long for
 the unity of the church. And the elder Nānapála, with his
 disciples who dwelt in Anurádhapura, did the king invite to the
 city of Pulatthi ; likewise also the priests who dwelt at Saphara,†
 and the elder of Nāgindapalliya, together with the elder Mog-
 gallána and all the other priests who dwelt in the country of
 the sub-king, and those of the three Fraternities who dwelt in
 the Rohaṇa with the great elder Nanda of the Selantaráyatana
 Vihára as their chief. After that the ruler of the land entreated
 the priests of the Mahá Vihára that they should be reconciled to
 each other. But many priests consented not to be united, inas-
 much as the lewd brethren prevailed (in the church) and the
 breach was from old time. And some departed to other countries,
 and others took off their robes, and many wished not even to
 sit (with their brethren) in the hall of judgment. And then

* A piece of scathing satire that is not met with elsewhere in the sober pages of the "Mahāvamsa."

† Sapparagamuva ? In the Sinhalese translation it is rendered "other countries."

they began the great trial; and very hard were the questions that had to be determined therein. Verily, it seemed as if the endeavour to accomplish this unity was like unto the endeavour to raise the Mount Meru. But the king was a just man 15 and partial to none, and resolute withal. And he encouraged the priests, and with much labour prevailed on them to consent. And when the questions arose for their judgment, 16 he caused the priests, over whom Mahá Kassapa was chief, to solve them. And that these judgments may be accepted (by 17 them whom they concerned), he joined unto himself the great doctors learned in the three Piṭakas, and caused the priests, whose 18 causes could be remedied, to be restored, according to the provisions of the law, to their purity; and thus did he bring to pass the unity of the priests of the Mahá Vihára Fraternity. And he 19 caused the robes to be taken off of those priests that were reputed evil, and gave them high offices, saying, "Let them not destroy religion for the sake of lucre." And in this manner did he effect 20 with great labour the purity of the Mahá Vihára.

And the Abhayagiri brethren, who separated themselves from the time of the king (Vaṭṭagāmaṇi) Abhaya, and the Jetavana 21 brethren that had parted (from the Mahá Vihára brethren*) from the days of the king Mahásena, and taught the Vetulla 22 Piṭaka and other writings as the words of Buddha, which indeed were not the words of Buddha, and set their faces against order and discipline,—these brethren did the king endeavour to re- 23 concile to the brethren at the Mahá Vihára Brotherhood, who abounded in all virtue, like unto the uniting of glass with precious stones. But the Jetavana brethren, because that they were devoid 24 of piety or other stable virtue, cared not, even then, to regard the commandments of Buddha, notwithstanding the majesty of the great priesthood and the king. Nevertheless the righteous king 25 caused inquisition to be made by them who had knowledge of the laws, and not even one priest was found who preserved the state in which he had been ordained. And many of these priests 26 did he cause to return to the life of novices, and from others of them that were reputed evil did he ~~cause~~ their robes to be taken off; and to them he gave offices of much profit. Thus did the king, 27

* The Theriyá, or the Mahá Vihára Fraternity, was the oldest and most venerated body of priests in Ceylon, and was regarded as belonging to the line of apostolical succession from Mahinda, and its doctrines and precepts were considered orthodox. The Abhayagiri and Jetavana Fraternities were seceders.

after spending much time and labour, bring about the purity and unity of the church and restore the priesthood to the place that they held in the days of Buddha.

28 And every year did this noble-minded king conduct the priests to the brink of the river and cause them to stay in the park, and
29 minister unto them together with his officers. And he caused boats to be fastened securely in the middle of the river so that they moved not, and built thereon a beautiful hall of comely
30 proportion, in which he made the priests to perform the service of the ordination, after that he had presented them with robes and divers other things that were necessary for priests.

31 And as he was minded to build great viháras, wherein the priests that had increased by many hundreds in number might
32 dwell in comfort, he built the great Vihára called Jetavana, as if
33 he displayed before men's eyes the magnificence of Jetavana.*

And then he caused eight stately houses of three stories each to
34 be built for the elders, who observed the utmost discipline but dwelt in houses; and for the use of the elder Sáriputta, a priest steadfast in discipline, a mansion of great splendour containing
35 many halls and chambers; about seventy image-houses of three stories, hard as the rock, to which nothing can be compared, and
36 adorned with images; seventy-five rooms for dormitories and an
37 equal number of long halls; one hundred and seventy and eight
38 lesser halls; four and thirty gates; two rooms for books; buildings with pinnacles and caves; many halls adorned with the images of
39 Gods and Brahmas, and flowers and plants painted thereon; a Tivaṅka† house for the Tivaṅka image, wholly made of brick and
40 mortar, and pleasant to the eye; a round temple of the Tooth-relic
41 built wholly of stone and adorned with beautiful pillars, staircases, walls, and such like, and ornamented with rows of figures of the lion, the kinnara‡ and the haṇsa,§ and covered with many terraces,
42 and surrounded with divers kinds of latticework; three preaching halls; one cetiya; eight covered walks of great length; one refec-
43 tory hall of great length and breadth; eighty and five fire rooms for fire-places,|| covered with tiles; and one hundred and seventy and eight closets for water,—all these did he cause to be built.

* The famous monastery in which Buddha generally resided.

† I believe a three-sided house for a three-sided image is meant here.

‡ A demi-god with the body of a man and the head of a horse.

§ The sacred swan.

|| Rooms in which fires are kept for the purpose of warming the body, boiling water, &c.

And when he purified the church, he cleansed the priests of 44
 their defilements within ; and, that he might purify them from 45
 their uncleanness without, he caused spaces* to be inclosed with 46
 stones for bathing, that so they might bathe themselves freely in
 water during the time of great drought. (And these were their
 names), the Round bath, the Cave bath, the Lotus bath, the Pure
 bath, and others, adorned with pillars and staircases and places
 for standing upon, and such like ; and the great king caused many 47
 walls to be built round about them. Thus did the whole College 48
 of Jetavana consist of five hundred and twenty houses.† And
 the king provided all things that were necessary for the main-
 tenance of the priests, and caused the Order to dwell therein.

And the king of the royal race built there the A'láhana Pariveṇa,
 which was approved of all men, on a situation that fulfilled every 49
 condition that was necessary for the life of a monk, namely,
 that it was not too far from dwellings (nor yet very near unto
 them), and such like. He caused a stately house of three
 stories to be built for the Elder there, with halls of exceeding
 great beauty and many rooms of great splendour, and adorned 50
 with a roof of pinnacles. And he built there forty long halls
 and an equal number of closets for water, and eight lesser halls, 51
 and six gates, and thirty-four rooms for fire-places, and two great 52
 walls, and the Subhadda Cetiya and the Rúpavatí Cetiya also. 53
 He made also a beautiful image-house with five stories, that 54
 contained the likenesses of gods and Brahmas and other beings,
 and workmanship of flowers and plants, and adorned with
 pinnacles and caves, and inner rooms, halls, and chambers,—an
 image-house, which bore worthily the name of Lapká-Tilaka,
 which signifieth the jewel of Lapká.‡ And he made there a 55
 standing image of Buddha of the full size, which was delightful 56
 to behold, and called it Lapká-Tilaka. Likewise also he built
 an Uposatha house of twelve stories, Baddhasímá Pásáda by
 name, that consisted of rooms like cages,§ with pointed roofs
 and many chambers and halls and great rooms also.

* *Nahāna-kottha.*

† The buildings enumerated here appear to be more than five hundred and twenty. It is probable that the total given excludes buildings other than houses.

‡ Lit. 'the Tilaka of Lapká.' Tilaka in composition is generally used in the sense of pre-eminence. It is the mark made with coloured earth, &c., to denote a religious sect, or for the purpose of adornment.

§ *Pañjara-geha*, lit. 'cage-rooms.'

57 And that he might cause the bounds (Símá)* of the Uposatha
 58 house to be determined, the king arrayed himself in all his royal
 ornaments and approached the vihára, like the king of the gods,
 together with his ministers and the women of the king's house-
 hold, and with a great host of men and chariots. And being
 59 exhorted thereto by the great Order, with Mahá Kássapa for
 60 their head, the lord of the land held the plough of gold that was
 61 yoked to the state elephant, by the handle thereof, and walked
 along the bounds making furrows on the ground amidst the
 great feast, when joyful songs of praise and sounds of music and
 shouts of joy were heard so that the four quarters rang again.
 And many people followed him, carrying parasols and innumera-
 ble flags and golden caskets and pots and other precious things.
 62 And that all doubts might be removed concerning the former
 consecrated limits, the Order, who dwelt in divers places, first
 63 erased those limits,† and, by the way that the king's plough had
 taken, they duly proclaimed the bounds in agreement with the
 words of the law, and with all the conditions that were needful
 to make their doings to be of force.

64 Thus he set three Khaṇḍa Símás and one Mahá Símá ; and the
 stones that marked the bounds thereof stood on the eight quar-
 65 ters, beginning from the east, at these distances from the Laṅká-
 66 Tilaka (image) house ; namely, forty and four, forty and nine,
 thirty and eight, thirty and six, thirty and five, fifty and seven,
 forty and five, and sixty and six yaṭṭhis, each in their order,
 67 reckoning the yaṭṭhi at five cubits. The stone that marked the
 bounds on the south side was forty and eight yaṭṭhis from the
 68 Gopála Pabbata. The stone that marked the bounds on the north
 69 side was fifty yaṭṭhis from Vijjádharma Lena. . And these stones
 70 marked the bounds of the Mahá Símá. And the Baddha Símá
 71 was inclosed within a space, the length whereof was fifteen yaṭṭhis
 72 and the breadth thirteen from the Baddha Símá Pásáda (Uposatha
 house). And within the Khaṇḍa Símá Málaka was inclosed yet
 another Símá, the length whereof was fifteen yaṭṭhis and the
 breadth six yaṭṭhis. Likewise also the Baddha Símá at the
 Elder's palace was eighteen cubits in length and twenty cubits in
 breadth. And the king gave this vihára (Baddha Símá Pásáda),
 with all the furniture thereof, to the priests.

* Símá is a duly consecrated boundary round a vihára, or the area within it, where only an ecclesiastical act can be lawfully performed.

† Lest this limit should encroach on any other duly consecrated limit already existing, which would make this one invalid.

In the same manner also did this chief of men build the 73
 Pacchimaráma. And with about twenty-two Pariveṇas that 74
 belonged thereto there were an equal number of two-storied 75
 halls of great length, twenty rooms for fire-places, forty and
 one smaller houses with two stories, thirty and five closets for
 water, one hall for preaching, and ten gates. This vihára also,
 with the furniture thereof, he gave to the priests.

And this ruler of men built likewise the Uttararáma, nigh unto 76
 the Mahá-Thúpa, after that he had caused the rock that was there 77
 to be hewn out. And when he had finished all the work he caused
 cunning workmen to make three caves in the rock, namely, the
 Vijjádharma Guhá ('the cave of the spirits of knowledge'), the
 Nisinna-paṭimá-Lena ('the cave of the sitting image'), and 78
 the Nipanna-paṭimá-Guhá ('the cave of the sleeping image').

And by the greatness of his own royal might only, without 79
 any help* from the gods or the sanctified spirits, the lord of the 80
 land built the great Thúpa, one thousand three hundred cubits 81
 round about. It was the greatest of all the Thúpas, like unto
 another Kelása; and it was called the Damiḷa-Thúpa, because
 that the Damiḷas, who were brought hither from the Paṇḍu
 country after it had been conquered, were also employed in the
 building thereof.

He also built in the branch city of Rájavesi Bhujanga the 82
 Isipatana Vihára, which was the delight of the holy monks. And 83
 it consisted of one Dhátugabbha† and three image-houses of
 three stories each, with precious images adorned with beautiful
 work, and a two-storied stately house of fine workmanship, and 84
 two long halls, and four gates, and eight small halls, and a hall 85
 for preaching, a covered path, and eight rooms for fire-places,
 and six closets for water, and a beautiful inclosed space for 86
 bathing made all of stone, and one Símá wall, and a park for
 the use of the whole Order.

Likewise also at the branch city of Sīhapura the lion-hearted 87
 lord of the land built the Kusinára Vihára. In it also there were 88
 a Dhátugabbha and three image-houses of three stories each,

* *Iddhi*, generally 'power.' But as an indirect allusion is made here to the help that Duṭṭhagemunu (Duṭṭhagamani) is said to have received from gods and arhats in the building of the Ruvanveli Séya (Ratanaváluka Cetiya), I have rendered it by the word 'help.' And, indeed, that is really what the author means here.

† *Thúpa*, *Cetiya*, or *Dhátugabbha* are pagodas containing relics. The terms *Cetiya* and *Thúpa* are, however, generally applied to *Dhátugabbhas* (*Dágobas*) of extraordinary dimensions.

six walls of great length, and a hall for preaching, a covered
89 path, sixteen lesser halls and three gates, eleven closets for
water, and six rooms for fire-places.

90 King Parakkama Báhu built also the Véluvana Vihára at the
91 branch city of Vijita. In it there were three image-houses of
three stories each, with beautiful images and paintings, a Thúpa
92 and a covered path, a two-storied house and four gates, four halls
93 of great length and eight lesser halls, one refectory, one hall for
preaching, seven rooms for fire-places, and twelve closets for water.
94 And at the distance of one league from each other the ruler of
95 men built the Gávuta Viháras,* containing beautiful image-
96 houses, gates, walls, and halls for preaching. And for the
convenience of all priests who loved a solitary life and practised
the Dhutāngas† he built the vihára called Kapila. In it also
there were a mansion of great excellence with two stories, a
covered path of great length, four halls, and four houses with
two stories each.

97 And for Kapila, the ascetic, he built a dwelling shaped like an
98 eagle and adorned with divers works of art and ornamented with
peaks and such like. There were besides four smaller stately
houses and three closets for water; and these viháras also, with
the furniture thereof, did he give unto the priests.

99 And he sent a minister to repair the viháras of Anurádhapura
100 that the Tamils aforetime had destroyed, and which many kings
before him had not assayed to restore because of the hardness of
101 the work, namely; the Ratanaváluka Thúpa, one hundred and
twenty cubits in height; the Abhayagiri Thúpa, one hundred and
102 forty cubits; the Jetavana Thúpa that reached one hundred and
sixty cubits in height; and the great Maricavaṭṭi Thúpa that
103 reached eighty cubits in height. These three Thúpas‡ that the
Tamils had destroyed were covered with great trees in which
104 lurked tigers and bears. And because of the great heaps of
bricks and clay and the thickets of the forest no man was able to
have access thereto. And after that he had caused the forests to
105 be cut down and the Thúpas to be built up in good order and
106 plastered, he caused the yards of the Cetiyas to be cleansed.

* Lit. 'the league viháras.' These were built at one league's distance from each other between the three branch cities and the chief city. See chap. LXXIII., v. 154.

† Certain rules of practice adhered to by austere monks.

‡ Evidently a *lapsus* for four; or, perhaps, the writer meant only the first three.

And the Cholians had destroyed the Lohapásáda, a building one hundred cubits square and an equal number of cubits in height.* But the king caused all the one thousand and six hundred pillars to be set up, and the building to be rebuilt with all the stories thereof adorned with hundreds of rooms and pinnacles and rows of windows with lattice. And a marvellous work it was.

The sixty great palaces that were called Sepaṇṇipuppha and the ruined palace Mahinda-Sena, with numerous Sīmā walls and Pariveṇas also, did he rebuild. And he caused an alms-hall also to be built, and made provision for the giving of alms. The Thúpáráma also and other old Pariveṇas he caused to be repaired. And he also caused repairs to be made in sixty and four Thúpas at Cetiyagiri and its old places.

Seeing then that even those men that are the most enlightened are moved by the one great desire for the performance of deeds of merit, notwithstanding that they stand secure in the height of their greatness, what wise man in this world will be negligent in good works that promote the happiness of all beings?

Thus endeth the seventy-eighth chapter, entitled "The Building of Viháras," in the Mahāvansa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXIX.

THE king being desirous that all needful things for the comfort of the people of the city should be made easy for them, caused gardens to be planted in divers places.

And he who was the delight of the people caused a garden called Nandana ('Delight') to be planted, and adorned it with many hundreds of fruit trees and flower trees. And being full of zeal, the king planted cocoanut, mango, jak, areca, palm, and such like trees, about one hundred thousand of each kind, and bestowed that great garden, to which he gave the name of Lakkhuyyána, which signifieth the garden of "One hundred thousand," on the Order, to be by them enjoyed in common. And in that same garden he made two pleasant ponds of stone with recesses, so that the priests might bathe themselves freely therein

* Lit. "one hundred cubits on each side, one hundred cubits wide and an equal number in height."

6 in the time of drought. And the lord of the land caused the
 Dípuyyána also to be planted, a garden shining with great
 beauty, wherein he might rest in the daytime and commune with
 7 himself. And he planted these gardens also; namely, the
 Mahámeghavan' Uyyána, the Cittalatávana, the Missaka Uyyána,
 8 the Rája Náráyana, the Laṅká-Tilaka, the Tilokanandana, the
 9 Vánarákara, the Nayanussava, the Manohara, the Nimmitapura,
 10 the Jaṅghábhára, the Puṇṇavaddhana, the Saṁsáraphala, the
 11 Phárusaka, the Sálipota, the Somanátha, the Thánakoṭṭikana, the
 12 Uttarakuru, the Bharukaccha, the Pulacceri, the Kīlákara, the
 Paṇḍavávana, the Rámissara, the Sámisantos' Uyyána, the
 13 Cintáman' Uyyána, and the Pacur' Uyyána.

14 In many villages and towns in the king's country he built
 ninety and nine new Thúpas. And he caused the breaches in
 seventy and three Dhátugabbhas to be repaired and plastered.
 15 Six thousand and one hundred old image-houses did he repair,
 16 and rebuild three hundred old image-houses. He caused four
 hundred and seventy-six images of divers kinds to be made, and
 17 planted ninety and one Bodhi trees. He made also two hundred
 18 and thirty houses wherein the priests of the four quarters might
 rest in their journeys to and fro. He caused fifty and six halls
 19 for preaching to be made, nine covered paths, one hundred and
 forty and four gates, one hundred and ninety-two covered altars for
 20 offerings of flowers, sixty and seven walls, thirteen deválayas,
 twelve árámas for the use of priests that were strangers, and
 21 two hundred and thirty halls for strangers. And the king
 caused to be repaired twenty and nine halls for preaching, thirty
 and one caves in the rock, and five viháras with their gardens,
 22 and fifty and one halls for strangers, and seventy and nine decayed
 deválayas.

23 And this most excellent of men caused many tanks and
 channels to be built in divers places, that so he might put an
 24 end to the calamity of famine from among men. And the lord
 of the land built a stone wall and stopped the course of the
 25 Káraganga, and turned the wide flow of the waters thereof by
 26 means of the great channel A'kásagangá,* and built that famous
 27 king of tanks which was known (unto all men) as the Sea of
 Parakkama, and which was like unto a second sea, wherein was
 water perpetually, and an island shining with a royal palace
 28 of great splendour. Likewise also he built the great tank

* 'The celestial river.'

Parakkama Talāka,* in which was a stone conduit of one hundred cubits, hard of access to men; and also the tanks Mahinda Talāka and Ekāha Vāpi † and Parakkama Sūgara ‡ and 29 Koṭṭhakabaddhanijjhara and Khudda Vāpi.§

In divers other places did the chief of men construct one 30 thousand four hundred and seventy and one lesser tanks; and in 31 three hundred tanks did the lord of the land cause an equal number of stone conduits to be made. And many old and decayed tanks also did he cause to be repaired.

The great tank Maṇihīra, the tank Mahādāragalla, the tanks 32 Suvanna Tissa, Dūratissa, Kālavāpi, Brāhmaṇagāma, Nālikera- 33 mahāthamba, and Raheṛa; likewise also the tanks Giritāḷāka, 34 Kumbhila-sobbha, Kāṇavāpi, Padīvāpi, the tank of Kaṭigāma, the tank Pattapāsāna, the tank Mahanṇa, the tanks Mahānūma- 35 matthaka and Vaḍḍhana; the tanks Mahādatta, Kāṇagāma, 36 Vīra, Vālāhassa, Suramāna; the tanks named Pāsāṇagāma and 37 Kālavalli; the tank Kūhulli; and the tanks Aṅgagāma, Hilla- 38 pattakkhaṇḍa, and Madagu;—these decayed tanks did the king restore to their former state; and also four hundred and sixty- 39 four smaller tanks that had gone to decay. 40

And in about one thousand three hundred ninety and five tanks did the king, who knew the condition thereof, repair the breaches and make them exceedingly durable.

And the king built the channel by name Gambhīra that issued 41 from the floodgate Makara in the Sea of Parakkama; likewise 42 also the great channel Hemavati that issued from the selfsame 43 floodgate towards Mahāmeghavana; the famous channel known as Nīlavāhinī that issued from the sluice Mālatīpuppha of the same (Sea of Parakkama); also the channel Saḷalavati that 44 issued from the sluice Kīḷakaruyyāna; the great channel 45 Vettavati that proceeded from the famous sluice Vettavati; the channel Tungabhadda that proceeded from the sluice on the south side; likewise also the channel Maṅgalagangā from the 46 sluice Maṅgala; the channel Campā from the sluice at the gate Caṇḍi; the Sarassati that issued from the tank Toya and poured 47 out the waters thereof into the tank Puṇṇavaddhana, from the 48 west side whereof proceeded the channel Veṇumati, and also the channel Yamunā that proceeded towards the west, and Sarabhu that proceeded towards the north; the channel Candabhāga. 49

* 'Parakkama's lake.'

† 'The lake of one day.'

‡ 'The little tank.'

§ 'Parakkama's sea.'

which passed through the middle of Lakkhuyyāna, and the channel
 50 Nammadá which flowed by the corner of Jetavana Vihāra; the
 channel Nerañjará that proceeded from the same tank towards
 the north side; the channel Bhágirathí that proceeded from the
 51 tank called Anotatta; the channel A'vattagaṅgá that proceeded
 therefrom towards the south side; the channel Tambapañni that
 52 proceeded towards the north from the tank Ambāla; the channel
 Aciravatí that proceeded towards the west side from Mahāváluka-
 gaṅgá, and was designed to turn away the danger of famine for
 53 a long time; the channel Gomatí that proceeded thence towards
 the east side; the Malápaharaṇi that proceeded towards the north
 54 side; the (lesser) channels Sataruddha, Nibbinda, Dhavala, and
 Sida which issued from (the great channel) Aciravatí towards
 55 the east side; the channel Kálindí that proceeded towards the
 south side from the opening in the south of the great tank
 56 Mañihíra; likewise also the channel Káveri which supplied
 water for the lake Kaddúra Vaddhamāna from the tank Giritā-
 57 láka, and the channel Somavati that conducted the water from
 the lake Kaddúra Vaddhamāna to the village Arimadda Vijaya.*

58 The king also built the Godbávāri channel that proceeded
 from the Kára-gaṅga into the tank Parakkama Ságara.

59 And this royal person restored the decayed channel Jayagaṅga
 that proceeded from Kálavápi until it came to Anurádhapura.

60 He built five hundred and four and thirty smaller channels,
 and repaired and restored to their former state three thousand
 and three hundred that had been brought to ruin.

61 In many places also in the country of the sub-king did this
 skilful chief of men cause a variety of works to be wrought.

62 And in the place whereon stood the house in which he was
 born, even in the village Puṅkhagāma, he built the Sútighara
 63 Cetiya, one hundred and twenty cubits in height. And in the
 same country he caused to be made twenty-two Dhátugabbhas,
 thirty-seven Bodhi trees, one hundred image-houses, fifteen
 64 caves in the rock, twenty-one lodging places to be used in com-
 mon by the priests who came from the four quarters, and eighty-
 65 seven inns for strangers. He also built about twenty and nine
 covered altars for offerings of flowers; seven halls for preaching,
 66 and five walls, besides forty and three images that he made of
 divers kinds, and twenty and four image-houses that he repaired.

* Most probably a village formed for the purpose of commemorating his
 victory over Arimaddana, the King of Rámasíña.

And that the fields might yield increased harvests, the king 67
caused the tanks Mahágallaka and Tálagalla to be built, and 68
stopped up the courses of the streams Rájini-nijjhara, Telapakka-
nijjhara, Jajjara-nijjhara, and Vilattákhaṇḍa, that issued from
the mountains.

And the king repaired three hundred and fifty and eight 69
breaches in tanks, and built the stone conduits of thirteen tanks,
and great stone walls in one hundred and sixty smaller tanks, 70
and restored about thirty and seven tanks that had been brought
into utter ruin (in that country).

And as he was desirous of performing works of merit (in other 71
parts of his kingdom), he caused many works to be done in the
towns and villages of the Rohaṇa country also. And on the 72
place where his mother was cremated, even at Khíragáma, he
built the Ratanávali Cetiya, one hundred and twenty cubits in
breadth. This royal person formed (in Rohaṇa) sixteen Dhátu- 73
gabbhas, seven Bodhi trees, and an equal number of Bodhi houses
and Bodhi groves; about forty and three two-storied image- 74
houses, two halls for preaching, seventy and five images, seven and 75
thirty lodging places for priests who came from the four quarters,
seven and forty walls, twenty gates, nine and fifty inns for 76
strangers, four A'rámas, three images of the Metteiya Bodhisatta,
and five dancing halls. And when he had caused these things 77
to be made, the king made repairs and improvements in divers
(other) places also; and these were their number: seven and thirty 78
Thúpas, two and twenty Bodhi groves, two hundred and four
and seventy large image-houses, one relic-house, seven houses 79
with images sleeping, forty caves in rocks, four brick buildings,
four long halls, six three-storied stately houses, nine and twenty 80
halls for preaching, three covered paths, one hundred and six 81
and twenty dwelling-houses, one hundred and eight and twenty
libraries, four inns for travellers, four and twenty Deválayas, 82
one hundred and three gates, and one hundred and six and
twenty walls,—these works did the ruler repair.

And the king built two hundred and sixteen tanks that 83
belonged to the Order, such as the great tank Uruvela, the tanks
Paṇḍu and Kolamba and others. He repaired sixteen tanks that 84
were breached, eighteen decayed supporting walls,* and two

* *A'varaṇa*, an outer wall or barrier. I am doubtful as to what sort of
work this word is applied here and in other similar places. It means probably
abutments or supporting walls.

hundred and five small tanks that had been brought to ruin.

85 He built stone sluices in ten tanks, and opened four and forty channels in divers places.

86 In this manner did he make beautiful vihāras, gardens, ponds for bathing, and the like, and adorn the whole of Laṅkā with them.

87 Thus did this Lord of men, Parakkama Báhu, reign three and thirty years. He was endued with excellent wisdom and might; his delight was always in the religion of the Master, and he enjoyed in an exceeding great degree the reward of the many and divers acts of merit that he had wrought.

Thus endeth the seventy-ninth chapter, entitled "The Formation of Parks and other Improvements," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXX.

1 **T**HEN the great king Parakkama Báhu's sister's son, a man
 of great learning and a poet withal of great renown,
 became the ruler of Laṅkā by the name of Vijaya Báhu.
 2 And this most merciful sovereign, on the day that he was anointed
 3 king over the realm, wisely set at liberty such of the inhabitants
 of Laṅkā as his mother's brother, the great king Parakkama
 Báhu, had cast into prison and had caused to suffer grievous
 4 pains and penalties. To all of them, wheresoever they were, he
 restored also all their lands and possessions, and spread happiness
 5 all over the realm. And as Alaká was the capital of Kuvera,
 and Amarávati was the capital of Sakka, so also was the city of
 6 Pulatthi his capital. And he wrote with his own hand, in the
 Páli tongue, a letter of great merit, and sent it unto the king who
 7 dwelt in the city of Arimaddana. And as his father's father, the
 king Vijaya Báhu, had done before him, he made a great friend-
 8 ship with that king. Thus did this great and renowned king
 shed glory over the religion of the supreme Buddha, and give
 delight thereby to the priests that dwelt in Laṅkā and in Ari-
 9 maddana. Nor did the king transgress in the least any of the
 rules contained in the laws of Manu, but contented the people
 10 greatly by following the four ways of conciliation. And he was
 endowed with great tenderness of heart and purity, which are the

chief of the virtues, and was full of faith in the three sacred gems, the chiefest thereof being Buddha. Moreover, he was always of 11 a gentle disposition and cheerful mind, and ministered unto the Order, supplying them with the four things that were needful unto the priesthood, of the best kind. This wise and prudent king 12 showed also great energy, and, like unto a Bodhisatta, did all things that were beneficial to beings, by every means. He was also endued 13 with a noble mind, and in giving judgment yielded not to the four evil influences that pervert justice,* but encouraged the good and discouraged the wicked. Thus, having performed divers acts 14 of great merit, this king, whose fame as a ruler, both of the kingdom and of the church, was great, reigned only one year.

For a certain Mahinda of Kálinga, a false friend, caused 15 his death by foul means with the help of an accomplice, a 16 cowherdess, Dípáni by name. But this foolish man was able to 17 rule the kingdom with great trouble for five days only, because that he succeeded not in obtaining the consent and the support of the chiefs of the army, and the men of valour, and the inhabitants of the country, and the king's ministers, who were all greatly enraged with him for the deed that he had done.

And Kitti Nissayka, who was a descendant of the race of Ká- 18 linga, and the sub-king of the king Vijaya Báhu, put him to death and himself became king. And after he had been anointed 19 king in the noble city of Pulatibi, he built of stone the beautiful temple for the Tooth-relic, and caused the Ratauváli Cetiya to be 20 raised to an exceeding great height, and adorned that shrine of surpassing beauty with a pinnacle of gold. He built a vihára 21 also, which he called after his own name, and adorned it with a hundred halls, and gave the keeping thereof to the priests, and himself ministered unto them. He built the Jambukola Vihára 22 also with polished walls and pillars dazzling with gold and silver, 23 the floor whereof was painted with vermilion and the roof covered with gilded tiles. And three and seventy gilded images of the Teacher did the wise king cause to be set up therein. And being moved thereto by faith, this ruler of the land went up 24 to Samantakúṭa with the four divisions of his army, and worshipped at the shrine there. And he formed gardens of flower trees and 25 fruit trees throughout the island of Tambapanni, and built many beautiful mansions as it became (a king).

* *Catasso Agati*.—Four evil states of mind that tend to pervert justice, namely, love, hatred, fear, and ignorance.

- 26 Thus did this king heap up merits of divers kinds day by day,
and rule the kingdom wisely for nine years.
- 27 His son Vīra Báhu then became king. But he reigned one
night only, and yielded to the power of death.
- 28 Thereupon Vikkama Báhu, the younger brother of the self-same
king, Kittī Nissaṅka, held possession of the kingdom for three
29 months, when Coḍagāṅga, the king Nissaṅka's nephew, slew him,
and reigned in his stead for nine months.
- 30 Then the great and powerful commander Kittī deposed the
31 king and plucked out his eyes, and ruled the kingdom in great
security for three years with the help of Līlāvati, the queen of the
great king Parakkama Báhu.
- 32 And after him, Sáhasamalla, the lion-hearted king, who was
sprung from the Okkáka race, ruled the kingdom for two years.
- 33 And then A'yasmanta,* the chief of the army, a bold and reso-
34 lute man, and one whose might no man could withstand, ruled
the country according to law and justice for six years with the
help of Kalyánavati, the chief queen of Kittī Nissaṅka. And he
promoted the cause of his favourite royal family (the line of
Kálinga).
- 35 Now this queen Kalyánavati was moved with a great zeal for
the religion of the Teacher. She built a vihára in the village of
36 Pannasálaka after her own name, and in the endowing
thereof gave unto it lands, slaves, the necessities of a monastic
37 life, and gardens and such like. And with her consent, A'yas-
38 manta, the chief of the army, born of the Khandhávára family,
who had the control of the affairs of the whole kingdom of
Laṅká, sent Devádhikári to Valliggáma and caused him to build
a vihára there, of great beauty, which he dedicated to the noble
39 Order. He also caused the famous Pariveṇa to be built there,
which was called Sarájakula-vaddhana ('Promoter of the welfare
40 of his favourite royal race') after his name; and in a time of
great dearth he gave for its support lands, in which were included
41 gardens and other necessities of a monastic life, and slaves also.
And as he desired to do good he separated the four castes which
had hitherto been mingled together, and caused a treatise to be
42 composed called Dhammádhikaraṇa ('Rules of Practice'). There-
after, a prince named Dhammāsoka reigned one year. He was
43 but three months old when he began to reign. But Aṇṣikaṅga,

* The Sáhasamalla inscription records a large grant of lands to this chief, who is there called A'yushmat, the Sanskrit form of A'yasmanta.

the chief governor, came with a large army from the Coḷa 44 country and put to death the prince Dhammāsoka together with A'yasmanta, who held the city of Pulatthi; and he reigned seventeen days. Then Camúnakka, even his own valiant general, 45 slew the king Aṇikanga; and the fool set up Līlāvati, the chief 46 queen of the great king, who had reigned once before, and ruled the kingdom through her for one year. Then the king 47 Lokissara, who had been wounded by a lance on his side, came 48 up from the opposite coast with a great army of Tamils, and brought the whole land of Laṅkā into subjection under him, and reigned nine months in the city of Pulatthi.

Now at this time Parakkama of the Kālanāgara race,* the 49 chief of the army, and a man of great power and might, even the first among the men of valour, again anointed the queen Līlāvati 50 who was sprung from the race of the Sun and Moon, and in whose form was to be seen the majesty of kings. And when about 51 seven months of this queen's reign had passed, Parakkama, the 52 famous king of Paṇḍu, landed from the Paṇḍu country with a great army of Paṇḍians, and deposed the queen and Parakkama, the chief of her army. And he delivered Laṅkā from the foes 53 that were like thorns in the kingdom, and reigned three years in the noble city of Pulatthi, and transgressed not the laws of Manu.

And it came to pass that, because of some wicked and cruel 54 and grievous deeds that the inhabitants of Laṅkā had done, the 55 gods who had been placed in different parts thereof to watch over them and to protect them cared no longer for the country, and looked not any more after their safety. Thereupon a certain 56 wicked prince of the Kālinga race, Māgha by name, invaded the 57 country at the head of twenty thousand strong men from Kālinga 58 and took possession of the island of Laṅkā. And he was a follower 59 of false faiths, and had a mind only to do mischief. Like unto a wild fire that consumeth the tender plants of the forests of charity, and like unto the sun when he closeth up the petals of the sacred lily of justice, and the moon when she obscureth the splendour of the lotus pond of patient endurance†—even so was

* This is the minister who is mentioned in the Dāṭhāvagga as the restorer of Queen Līlāvati to the throne of Laṅkā. That work passingly alludes to the state of disorder and anarchy that prevailed in the island at this period, and pays a high tribute of praise to the virtues that adorned this queen.

† The water-lily opens at night and closes at dawn: the lotus opens at dawn and closes at night.

- 60 his mind wholly enslaved by ignorance. And this Mággha, who
 was like unto a fierce drought, commanded his army of strong
 men to ransack the kingdom of Laṅká, even as a wild fire doth a
 61 forest. Thereupon these mighty men, wicked disturbers of the
 peace of mankind, stalked about the land hither and thither
 crying out boastfully, "Lo! we are the giants of Keraḷa."
 62 And they robbed the inhabitants of their garments and their
 jewels and everything that they had, and violated even the
 chastity of families that had long been preserved inviolate.
 63 They cut off also the hands and feet of the people, and despoiled
 their dwellings. Their oxen and buffaloes also, and other beasts,
 64 they bound up and carried them away forcibly. The rich men
 they tied up with cords and tortured, and took possession of all
 65 their wealth, and brought them to poverty. They broke down
 the image-houses and destroyed many Cetiyaas. They took up
 their dwellings in the viháras and beat the pious laymen therein.
 66 They flogged children, and sorely distressed the five ranks of the
 religious orders.* They compelled the people to carry burdens
 67 and made them labour heavily. Many books also of great
 excellence did they loose from the cords that bound them and
 68 cast them away in divers places. Even the great and lofty
 69 Cetiyaas, such as the Ratanávali which stood like the embodiment
 of the glory of all the pious kings of old, they spared not, but
 utterly destroyed them, and caused a great many bodily relics to
 disappear thereby, which were unto them as their lives. Alas!
 Alas!
- 70 Even so did those Tamil giants, like the giants of Mára,
 destroy the kingdom and the religion of the land.
- 71 And then they surrounded the city of Pulatthi on every side,
 72 and took Parakkama Paṇḍu captive, and plucked out his eyes,
 and robbed all the treasures that were therein, with all the pearls
 and precious stones.
- 73 Thereafter Mānábharāṇa and the chief of the strong men
 anointed Káṭiṅga Mággha king over the glorious kingdom of
 74 Laṅká. And when he had thus brought the country into sub-
 75 jection under him, he dwelt in the city of Pulatthi. This king
 caused the people to follow after false faiths, and contrived to
 mingle the four castes that had hitherto not mingled them-
 76 selves. To the Keralites he gave fields and pastures, houses and

* Ordained priests and nuns, novitiates of both sexes, and candidates for priesthood.

gardens, servants and oxen and buffaloes ; yea, everything that pertained to the Siphalese. The vihāras and Pariveṇas, and many sacred places also, did he give as dwelling places to his strong men, and despoiled the possessions that had been dedicated to Buddha and the Dhamma and Saṅgha, that so he might heap a multitude of sins to go down to hell. Even thus did Māgha the king act like a tyrant, and reign twenty-one years over the kingdom of Laṅkā.

And so did one king after another, moved thereto by the lust of wealth and power, murder his predecessor, though by reason of this crime none enjoyed long life, or even the sovereignty of the kingdom after they had attained unto it. Let the prudent man, therefore, abstain from taking life and renounce the desire for wealth and power.

Thus endeth the eightieth chapter, entitled "The Reigns of Sixteen Kings," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equal for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXI.

NOW in the reign of that king (Māgha) there dwelt, scattered in the beautiful cities and hamlets that they had built for themselves in the great strongholds and mountainous parts of the country, some great and good men who defended the people and the religion from the disturber.

Subha Senāpati (a chief of the army) built a city like unto A'lakamandā on the top of Subha Pabbata, a mountain difficult of access to the enemy, and dwelt there like unto Vessavana, keeping at a distance the Kerala demons, and defending that portion of the country and the religion thereof.

Bhuvaneka Bāhu, the ruler and governor of the land, whose fame had spread abroad throughout the country, also built himself a fortress on the top of Govinda, a rock which the enemy could not easily approach ; and he dwelt there, and defended the Rohaṇa country and its religion and its priesthood.

In like manner also, Saṅkha, the chief of the army, built himself a fortress of great beauty on the lofty mountain Gaṇḡgādoṇi, which is in the Maṇimekhalā country, and abode there. And though the cruel hosts of the king Māgha were but a distance of two leagues from him, yet cared he not for them

even so much as a blade of grass, but valiantly defended that country and the religion thereof.

10 Now at that time there lived a man of great might, the
renowned king Vijaya Báhu, a prince who was in truth of the
11 lineage of king Siri Saṅghabodhi. And through fear of the
12 enemy he concealed himself for a great while, at times in a
13 forest and at other times in a fortress, until he had gained the
sovereignty over all the Vanni country and brought the chief
men among the Siphalese into allegiance with him. Where-
upon this mighty king went forth with a great Siphalese army,
and dispersed the four hosts of the enemy which had been ready
to battle, like unto a great cloud of glory as it dispelleth the
14 darkness. And he drove all the mighty men among the Tamils
from the hamlets and houses wherein they dwelt according as
15 it pleased them, and delivered that beautiful country of Máya
from the foes who were like thorns unto it. And on the
16 highest top of the Jambudonī mountain he built a pleasant
city with walls and gates of great beauty; and the wise and
valiant lord of the land dwelt there in ease and comfort, and
governed the kingdom.

17 Now in those troublous times yet another thing had come to
18 pass. For before (the invaders had entered the city and taken
19 it) Vácissara and all the other great elders had departed from
the city of Pulatthi, and, taking with them the Bowl-relic and
Tooth-relic of the Teacher, had assembled themselves together in
the Máya country, and, in a certain place on the Kotthumala*
20 mountain, buried the two relics there in a place of safety. And
21 of these priests, Vácissara and certain other great elders crossed
the sea, even though it was then boisterous, and went to the
country of Paṇḍu and the country of Coḷa and other countries
also to seek for protection for Laṅká, wherein depended the
welfare of religion.

22 But king Vijaya Báhu, who was like unto a mine in mercy,
sent his ministers after them, and brought them back from
23 thence. And when they were come he saluted the great elders, and
enquired of them where the two relics, the Tooth and the Bowl,
24 had been kept. And when they had replied unto him that they
were in such a place, the king was filled with exceeding great joy,†

* Kotmale.

† *Pañcarāṇṇapitīyā*. With the five degrees of joy. These are described as 1, slight joy; 2, momentary joy; 3, sudden joy; 4, transporting joy; 5, all-pervading joy.

and causing the elders to go before him in a body, the lord of the land followed after them with his army to the Kotthumale mountains ; and having caused a great festival to be held round 26 the rock, he beheld with great delight the two relics of the Tooth and the Bowl. And the king's joy on that day was exceeding 27 great, as if he had gotten himself the Cakka jewel,* or a great treasure, or as if he had entered into Nibbána. And he lifted 28 up the two relics in great pride of heart, as if he had obtained possession of the wealth of Mandhátu,† and carried them in great procession from hamlet to hamlet and from city to city.

And the ruler of the land brought the selfsame relics to the 29 beautiful city of Jambudonī, where the good people had already begun to hold a joyful festival.

Thereafter the wise king continued to make great offerings 30 daily according to a fixed course. And in this wise did this king think within himself: "A place of safety shall I build with 31 great care, strong and most difficult of access, that so, if in 32 time to come an interreign might occur no danger shall happen unto the two relics of the Sage from the foe and the stranger." And having thought thus within himself, he caused 33 the Billasela‡ rock to be encompassed and defended with ramparts and gates, so that no enemy in the earth could enter therein, save the gods of the sky. And on the top of the rock he 34 built the temple of the Tooth-relic with great splendour, like 35 unto a heavenly mansion that had descended from the world of the gods. And he built around it dwelling-places for the Order, consisting of noble houses and halls, lakes and ponds, and 36 beautifully furnished retreats both for the day and the night. And amid great feasting the king placed in the relic-house the 37 two relics consisting of the Tooth and the Alms-bowl. And he 38 gave that house over to such of the elders as adhered most strongly to the laws of discipline ; to whom also he entrusted the keeping of the relics and provided means for their support. And he ordained a course of daily offerings and ceremonies to be 39 duly performed in honour of the relics.

Thereafter the lord of the land began to render services unto 40

* The magic car of a Cakkavatti monarch, which carries him from one continent to another.

† A Cakravartī Rājā of the first kalpa. He is said to have enjoyed the highest earthly happiness.

‡ Beligala.

the religion of the supreme Buddha with great devotion. And to them that might ask in what manner, it shall now be told.

41 The king being exceedingly grieved in mind that a great
 42 number of the books of the holy law were destroyed by the
 43 enemy throughout the island of Laṅkā, gathered together a
 number of pious men of great learning from among the people,
 and many scribes also, men who were not given up to sloth but
 were gifted with good manners and wrote skilfully and with
 44 great speed. And the lord of the land set them to work
 45 to transcribe the sacred book of the law, which consisted of
 eighty and four thousand divisions. And to them he paid in
 money as many gold kaḥápanas as there were divisions in the
 book of the law. He held a festival also in honour of the
 scriptures, and so heaped for himself much merit.

46 And if there dwelt anywhere in the three Sīhalas any who were
 elders, great officers of the church renowned for their zeal and
 devotion, any of the second degree also of priests that had been
 47 ordained, and any novitiates, yea, all such as supported the
 religion of the Master did he bring together; and them also
 that were at variance with each other did he reconcile.

48 Again he bethought himself, saying, "The ordination of
 priests is the chief means whereby to advance religion. Now,
 therefore, it would be well if it could be done in good order."
 49 And having communed thus with himself, he gave unto the
 great priesthood, yea even unto all who dwelt together in unity,
 the eight requisites of the monastic life. And being greatly
 50 delighted in mind therewith, he caused the ceremony of ordina-
 tion to be performed for seven days, beginning with great
 rejoicings and festivals held in honour thereof.

51 And the lord of the land built an A'rāma, called after his own
 name and known through all the land as Vijayasundara A'rāma,
 which he gave to the Order after that he had ordained that it
 52 should belong to the priesthood in common. And he sent
 to the priests, saying, "If any pious priest or novitiate
 study the three Piṭakas and give up his whole time in learning
 53 them, let not such person be subject to the trouble of procuring
 54 the wherewithal to live, but let him graciously come to my door
 55 and receive thereat whatever thing he may stand in need of."

And having reverently sent unto them in this manner, the lord of
 the land, who was a liberal giver, gave alms of great value unto
 a great number of monks who went up to the palace gate (for
 56 relief). And for the cost of cooking the food for the elders and

superior elders that held offices in the church, he made provision 57
also. In this manner indeed did the defender of the land
encourage religion, and by this means did he, of a truth, honour
the three sacred gems, the chiefest of which is Buddha.

And for the priests he made a vihára, as it became them, at 58
Vattalagáma, and called it Vijaya Báhu, after his own name.
At the Kalyáni Vihára also the king renewed the great Cetiya 59
which the mighty men of the Tamils had destroyed, and set a 60
golden pinnacle on it, and built a gate also on the eastern side
thereof. He also repaired the breaches in the image-house and 61
the rampart and all the other buildings that stood there. And 62
he sent forth a command that all the temples and image-houses 63
and viháras and Pariveṇas and Cetiyaas and their terraces and
the ramparts and gates that were in the country of Máya should
be thoroughly repaired and restored as they had been before.

And after that the king again desired earnestly to make yet 64
more changes for the benefit of the church and the people.
But he thought to himself in this wise: "The pleasures of the 65
kingly office have come to me in my old age when the days of
my youth have passed, and verily I have enjoyed them. Now, 66
therefore, the time that remaineth unto me is short, wherein 67
I can defend the people by subduing all the cruel foes who have
survived the conquerors and advance the welfare of the land by
causing all the repairs to be finished in the viháras that have
been pulled down and destroyed." Having thought thus within 68
himself, the wise king and those who were skilled in the inter- 69
preting of signs (whom he had called together unto him)
examined the signs (on the bodies) of Parakkama Báhu and
Bhuvaneka Báhu, both of them his true-born sons. And when
he was satisfied that there were signs on the body of Parakkama
Báhu which showed that he would conquer his enemies by his 70
might and glory and bring the whole of Laṅká, to an extent that
had never before been exceeded, under the dominion of one 71
canopy, and that he would also advance the prosperity of the
exceedingly pure religion of the Omniscient one, and would
spread his fame abroad through all the corners of the earth, so 72
that he would receive gifts, from divers countries, of princesses
for his inner palace, and flourish as the monarch of the whole 73
island,—then the king's eyes were filled with tears of joy thereat,
and he seated him on his lap and poured kisses on the crown of 74
his head. And oftentimes also he looked tenderly towards the
younger prince, his brother, who stood near unto him, and gave 75

excellent counsel to them twain on divers matters. And he
 76 commanded that they twain should be well instructed and made
 77 skilful in all knowledge. And to the priests who had assembled
 themselves together for that purpose, with the great and
 renowned Saṅgha Rakkhita as their leader, he afterwards gave
 the elder of his two sons, Parakkama Báhu, that they should
 have the charge of him. Likewise also he gave unto them the
 two relics of the Tooth and the Alms-bowl that belonged unto
 78 the Sage, and the care also of all the priesthood and people of
 Laṅka, and himself ruled righteously over them.

79 Thus did this ruler of men sow the seeds of the kingly office
 in the great field of Laṅká, and having reigned over it for four
 years he departed to heaven.

80 And in like manner as this chief ruler of men, Vijaya Báhu,
 defended the whole land and the religion of the Conqueror, so
 may kings also who come after him defend them both, and give
 none occasion for fear.

Thus endeth the eighty-first chapter, entitled "The Reign of
 one King," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight
 and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXII.



AND when his father was dead the prince Parakkama
 Báhu joined together all the people of the three Sthalas
 into one body, and after that he had adorned the beauti-
 ful city, he, who was as it were equal unto the king of the gods,
 3 held the feast of his coronation before all things. And because
 he was a man of much learning he received the great name,
 4 Kalikála Sáhicca Sabbaññu Paṇḍita.* And he gave the office of
 sub-king to his younger brother Bhuvaneka Báhu together with
 half of the kingdom.

5 And saying to himself, "The damsel Laṅká shall I make
 mine, yea even wholly mine, and give her not to another," he
 cherished in his heart the noble desire of crushing out the enemy.
 6 And he said in his heart, "But before all things must I hold a
 feast in honour of the Tooth-relic of the Sage, and after that
 7 shall I go to war against the Tamils." And so he brought forth
 the Tooth-relic from the Billa mountaint† with great pomp and

* 'The all-knowing pandit of the Kaliyuga era of literature.'

† Beligala.

ceremony unto the noble city of Jambudonī. And he caused a 8
 Tooth-relic house of great beauty to be built nigh unto his palace, 9
 at great cost, seeing that he had a great desire to worship the
 relic whenever he thought thereof, even during the three periods
 of the day. And he raised a costly altar in the midst thereof, and 9
 covered it with a cloth of great value, and caused a receptacle 10
 for the Tooth-relic to be cut out of a precious stone of great size ; 11
 and to cover it he made a large casket of exceeding great beauty, 12
 of precious gems of divers colours ; and a second casket of great 13
 brightness made he of five thousand *nikkhas** of gold to cover
 this ; and a third of twenty-five thousand *nikkhas* of silver to 14
 cover the last. And after he had caused the city to be decorated, 15
 commencing from the Relic-house, he held the great feast of the
 Tooth-relic with great honours. And when he had taken the Tooth- 16
 relic into his own hands that were like unto a lotus, he made a
 solemn declaration† in the midst of the great priesthood in this
 wise : “ Our blessed lord Buddha, the god of gods, the saint pos- 17
 sessed of miraculous power, came three times to this island of
 Laṅkā. And because that he seated himself in divers spots on 18
 those times, sixteen places has he made holy here as his
 Pāribhogika shrines.‡ Wherefore it is that Laṅkā remaineth 19
 not under the rule of kings that are followers of false creeds, but
 prospereth only under such as are of the true faith. Aforetime 20
 also, in this island, did Asela the son of Muṭasīva, who was 21
 skilled in all policy, reign over this land and defend the religion
 of the Conqueror after that he had vanquished Sena and Guttika,
 the sons of the horse-merchant. Abhaya the king also, known 22
 to all men as Duṭṭhagāmaṇi, defended the religion and the
 country after that he had vanquished Elāra the Cholian. And 23
 after him did Vattagāmaṇi protect the religion and the country
 after that he had routed the five fierce Tamil tyrants in open

* A weight equal to five *suvaṇṇas*, according to the *Abhidhānappadīpikā*. It seems, however, to be applied to different quantities.

† *Saccakiriya*. Declaring a truth solemnly, and invoking the accomplishment of some benign object by virtue thereof.

‡ Shrines containing relics which were articles worn or used by Buddha in his lifetime, in contradistinction to *Sārīrika* or bodily relics :—*e.g.*, in the case of Buddha, the Tooth-relic and the Collar-bone relic are *Sārīrika* ; the Alms-bowl and the Bodhi-tree, &c., are *Pāribhogika*. The sixteen holy places alluded to in the text are Mahiyāṅgana, Nāgādīpa, Keṭāniya, Adam's Peak, Divāguhá, Dīghavāpi, Mutiyaṅgana, Tissa Mahā Vibāra, Mahā Bodhi, Mirisaṇṇiya Dāgoba, Ruvanvelī Mahā Śeṣa, Thūpārāma, Abhayagiri, Jetavana, Śegiriya, and Kataragama.

24 battle. Thereafter did that chief of men (Dhátusena) protect the
 religion and the land after that he had prevailed over the six
 25 Tamil kings with their mighty men. Likewise also the great
 Vijaya Báhu protected the religion and the land after that he had
 26 routed the Cholians in battle and put them to flight. And even
 27 now, Mágha and Jaya Báhu, the haughty Tamil usurpers, dwell
 in the Patitṭhá country,* and are destroying the religion of the
 Master and the viháras and dwelling places therein. Them,
 even them, do I hope to vanquish and to advance the religion
 28 and the welfare of the land. This is indeed a true saying.

“ But now shall I speak of another matter. The renowned and
 29 prosperous kings of Kosala and others hearkened to the dis-
 courses of the Master while he yet lived, and beheld divers
 30 miracles ; and their desires were thus fulfilled. And Dhammá-
 soka, the mighty king, and others who arose after Buddha was
 31 dead, beheld also the wondrously created form of the Supreme
 One, and they all, even each of them, made their lives worthy.
 32 And when the chief of the world had finished his ministry as
 Buddha, and had laid him down on his bed of final emancipa-
 33 tion† in the garden of the Mallas, many lesser resolves also did
 he doubtless make above the five great ones,‡ which were to
 come to pass in future times. Wherefore cometh it that even
 34 unto this day all the relics that are of that lord's body, and
 35 those that are connected with his memory, do manifest wonders
 in this world by the operation of his will. Wherefore also
 36 it seemeth to me that the Blessed One, the Chief of sages,
 when he made each separate resolve, and beheld kings in the
 37 remote future who were to stand as faithful and obedient
 followers of the religion which was to last for five thousand
 years, with the eye of wisdom beheld he me also among that
 number. Now, therefore, if it be so that I too have been seen by
 38 the Sanctified One, and if I also have been included in the number
 of those faithful kings and mighty men who have gone before
 39 me, and if it hath been ordained that I should crush the enemy
 in fierce battle and advance the welfare of the religion of the

* *Pihiti-raṭu*. The northern country. Hitherto this division of the king-
 dom has been called *Rāja-raṭṭha* or *Rāja-raṭa*.

† *Parinibhāna-māñcasmy*.

‡ They are, the three miracles in connection with the severance of the
 branch of the great Bó-tree ; the miracle at the Thúpáráma on depositing the
 Collar-bone relic ; and the miracle of the Ruvanveli Dágoba on depositing a
drona full of Buddha's relics. See *Mahávaṇsa*, chap. XVII.

land and the kingdom, then indeed would it be well if this 40
Tooth-relic should now manifest to me a miracle whereby I may be
assured." And when the king had thus made an end of speaking
he stood in deep thought.

And at the selfsame moment the Tooth-relic leaped from his 41
lotus hand into the sky, shaped like a crescent, creating a likeness 42
of the great Sage, of exceeding beauty, and lighting the whole
city with the thick rays of six colours that sprang therefrom.
And after that it had manifested this great miracle and delighted 43
the king it descended from the sky and lighted on his
hand.

Then the whole city was filled with confusion because of 44
the cheers and applause that rose from all sides from among 45
the great multitude of people and the great body of the
priesthood, who rejoiced at the wonderful miracle that they had
witnessed.

And the great king, great in understanding and power, pro- 46
claimed himself boldly in the midst of the great assembly in this 49
wise: "This day hath new life been given unto me ; this day hath
my life been made noble ; and on this day hath my life become
fruitful. Through the power of my merit have the people
seen this day such a miracle, and have heaped for themselves
a great store of merit. And now know I that I also have been
numbered among the kings of former times who followed the
religion of the Sage and who have been celebrated by their
virtues."

And after this the lord of the land offered unto the Tooth-relic 50
the sixty-four royal ornaments, including his crown and his
bracelets and such like. And then he placed it with great care 51
in the receptacle that he had made of gems, which was kept in 52
the dazzling casket of gold, which latter he again put with much
reverence in the beautiful casket of great value that was made
of silver.

Thus did the king enclose the Tooth-relic with all care and in due 53
order within the three caskets, and place it in the temple of the
relics. And he held a great feast in honour thereof for seven
days, during which time offerings were made to it of the seven
kinds of jewels, and garlands and perfumes and eatables of divers
kinds.

Thus endeth the eighty-second chapter, entitled "The Ex-
hibition of the Tooth-relic Miracle," in the Mahāvapaṇsa, composed
equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXIII.

- 1 **N**OW from that time forth all the people who dwelt in
 2 Lanká saw the power of the king's merit that it was
 exceedingly great, and conducted themselves towards him
 with respect and fear and with pleasure and affection. Nor could
 3 they at any time make light of his commands. The rulers also
 of divers other countries, whose minds were drawn to him by the
 regard that they had for his dignity, sent every man presents
 unto him.
- 4 And those men who were worthy of being beheaded, this king
 suffered to escape only with chains and imprisonment, after that
 5 he had sorely rebuked them. Them also who were worthy of
 being cast into prison, the king, in his mercy, rebuked, and
 6 inflicted on them a suitable punishment. And those who were
 doomed to be banished, the lord of the land, like the great law-
 7 giver Manu, fined in a thousand pieces of money. On them that
 8 deserved to be fined he frowned only, and brought them back to
 9 the path of duty by rebuking them in divers ways. And by the
 power of his might and his great kindness he began to break the
 power of his enemies in Lanká, especially of those who had betaken
 themselves to the fastnesses in the mountains and divers other
 strongholds, and were not conquered by the king, his father, who
 10 had vanquished the terrible foe. And he gave himself no
 trouble, but, as he was seated on his throne, wholly brought into
 submission under him the princes of the Vanni* of Sīhala, who
 were possessed of men and materiel in great abundance.
- 11 And this king of men caused all the brave and lion-hearted
 Sīhalese of the three Sīhalas to assemble themselves together,
 12 and pleased them greatly. And he strove to harass the chiefs
 among the strong men of the Tamils who had built themselves
 14 fortresses and taken hold of divers parts of the country. With
 this end in view, he armed the Sīhalese and sent them on all
 15 sides in search of battle, like lions among the furious elephants.
 And the strong and mighty men of the Sīhalese made frequent
 attacks on them, like unto Garuḷas,† and harassed the strong
 men of the Tamils, that were like serpents.

* *Vañña-rājaká*. This is the first time this word occurs in this work.

† A fabulous bird—the enemy and destroyer of serpents. See note on chap. L., v. 27.

Now at this time a host of forty thousand strong men of 15
 the Tamils and the Kerałas, under the two Tamil kings Mágha 21
 and Jaya Báhu, had dwelt for a long time in the land, committing deeds of violence; and they held the fortresses that they had built at these and other places; namely, the rich and famous city of Pulatthi, the village of Koṭṭhasáraka, Gaṅgá-tatáka, the village Kákála, the country of Padi, Kurundi, Mánámatta, Mahátittha, and also Mannárapattana, the port of Pulacceri, Válikagáma, the great and rich country of Gona and of Gonusu, and the port of Madhupádapa and Súkara also. But being sorely pressed by the mighty men of valour among the Sínghalese, they could not any longer abide in their places for fear, and so made haste and entered the city of Pulatthi, and took counsel there among themselves in this wise: "Verily, 22
 Parakkama Báhu is a king of great might and renown. And is there any one on earth who can withstand his authority? Even 23
 the princes of the Continent are now gone over to his side, and all the Sínghalese, of a certainty, have remained faithful to him only. Yea, even some of our own Tamils are among his 24
 servants. What need is there then that we should speak of any others? What therefore is now meet to be done? The greatness 25
 of our glory has even now faded like as the glory of the fireflies fadeth before the glory of the rising sun. It is impossible that 26
 we could any longer dwell in the island of the Sihalas. Let us therefore return to the Continent."

And when they had thus determined in the assembly, they took 27
 to themselves elephants and horses, pearls and jewels of great 28
 value, and royal crowns, and all the women of the king's house- 29
 hold and their ornaments and chests of silk. And all such things of any value as they could lay their hands on they took with them, and hastened out of the city for fear. And by the power of the king's good fortune confusion fell upon them, and they were bewildered and knew not by what way they went. And indeed it so came to pass that they took the western gate 30
 for the eastern gate, and, proceeding thereby, brought themselves 31
 to Kálavápi, where the army of the Sínghalese lay encamped. 32
 And alas! they sacrificed there not only the goods that they carried away with them, but every man his life also to the mighty men of the Sínghalese, and thereby fulfilled the end that the king had in view.

Thus did the Sínghalese get back their riches in great heaps; 33
 and from that time forth they became as prosperous as before,

34 just as the inhabitants of Mithilá (in the days of old) became the
 possessors of the riches that about a hundred kings had cast
 away in fear.*

35 And when the king had thus destroyed the strange enemy by
 the power of his might, he took heed to himself to secure the
 prosperity of the whole island of Laṅkā.

36 But when the king had reached the eleventh year of his reign,
 37 a certain Malay prince, known to all men as Candabhānu, landed
 with a fierce band of Malays, and deceived the people saying,
 38 "Verily we also are Buddhists." And these wicked men, who
 39 landed in divers ports, shot poisoned arrows, like terrible snakes,
 on whomsoever they saw, and ceased not to harass them: And
 they ran hither and thither about the country in great fury, and
 40 laid waste the whole of Laṅkā. And as the fury of a flood of
 water had laid waste the place that the fire and lightning had
 already destroyed, even so did the Malays harass Laṅkā that
 Mágha and the others had already harassed.

41 Thereupon the king sent his nephew, the valiant prince Víra
 Báhu, with an host of strong men against the Malays to do
 42 battle with them. And the great and terrible Víra Báhu, who
 was like unto Ráhu in appearance, utterly destroyed Candabhānu
 ('the moon-beam') in the field of battle (as Ráhu destroyeth
 43 the moon) in the sky. And he placed valiant men from among
 the Sīṅhalese in divers places, and began the fight with the strong
 44 men of the Malays. And in the battle which ensued, the arrows,
 tipped with poison, that were shot quickly from engines by the
 45 fighting men of the Malays, fell in plenty amongst them. But
 the mighty men of the Sīṅhalese, who were skilful marksmen,
 46 brake them in pieces with their sharp broad arrows. And like
 as Rámá slew the Rakkhasas, even so did Víra Báhu slay in
 47 battle the strong men of the Malays in great numbers. And in
 his great fury did Víra Báhu again and again lay low the forces
 of the Malays, even as the tempest layeth low the forest.

48 And when he had thus fought against the Malays and driven
 49 them from the country and delivered Laṅka from the enemy,
 even unto the length and breadth thereof, he went up to Devapura†
 and worshipped the lily-coloured god‡ there, and made divers
 offerings unto him.

* Referring to one of the incidents narrated in the story of the Ummagga Játaka.

† Dondra Head

‡ Vishṇu, the remains of whose temple still exist.

And he himself caused a monastery to be built there, which 50
 was called Nandana ('The Delight'), because that it gave
 delight unto the people. After that he returned to the city of 51
 Jambuddoni and went up into the presence of Parakkama Báhu,
 who was filled with great joy at seeing him.

And the king Parakkama Báhu, whose glory was spread 52
 through the whole land, after that he had carried on many wars
 and destroyed all the terrible hosts of the enemy, enjoyed in
 peace the pleasure of victory.

Thus endeth the eighty-third chapter, entitled "An Account
 of Victories over hostile Kings," in the Mahávaṅsa, composed
 equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXIV.

AND after this the king, who was well versed in the laws of 1
 Manu, separated and marked out, as they stood before, 2
 the lands and houses and fields that belonged to private
 families by inheritance, from which the stranger, their enemy,
 had kept them out for a long time, and caused them to be restored
 to their rightful owners. Likewise also he ascertained and fixed 3
 the lands and gardens and other substance that had been dedicated 4
 to Buddha and the Dhamma, and the lands that were given for
 procuring what was needed for the support of the priesthood, and
 the lands that belonged to the chapters and priests separately,
 and the lands that belonged to the eight establishments and
 also to the Pariveṇas. And these he caused to be restored 5
 accordingly. In like manner also he ascertained and established
 each in their place the five orders of menials and the ten orders
 of menials that belonged to the royal households. And the lord 6
 of the land so ordained the affairs of the kingdom that all the
 inhabitants of Laṅkā prospered and became exceeding rich, and
 the whole country abounded with food.

And with great care he expelled from the priesthood all such 7
 lewd monks as had led indiscreet lives from the time of the former 8
 kings, seeking their living by unlawful means and conducting
 themselves according to their own pleasure. And thereby purged
 he the religion of the perfect and supreme Buddha. And the 9
 king sent many presents to the great country of the Coḷas and 10
 brought therefrom priests of great eminence, learned in the three

Pitakas, and endued with piety, and of great purity in their life ; and by this means he united the two sections of the church* in Tambapaṇṇi.

11 And it came to pass that of the many and pious priests who
12 dwelt always in the country of Tamba, there was a certain great
elder known as Dhammakitti, who had become famous by his
13 great zeal and piety. And when the king heard that a lotus had
14 once sprung up in the path of this elder as he went on his way
15 begging, he was greatly astonished, and sent religious gifts and
offerings of perfumes and sandal ointments and such substances
that were touched against the Tooth-relic, and other royal gifts
also to the Tamba country, and caused the great elder to be
brought to the island of Laṅkā. And when the king saw him he
was glad and rejoiced greatly as if he had seen an Arahá,† and
16 made great offerings unto him, and ministered carefully, with the
four requirements of a monastic life, unto him who was a vessel
worthy of offerings and honour.

17 And as the king was desirous of preserving the church which
18 he had nurtured and raised up, he built round about the city
many monasteries for the whole Order in common‡ that were fit
places for the abode of the eight great elders of the eight establish-
ments and for learned and thoughtful elders who dwelt in villages
19 and in the forests. And these were buildings of great breadth,
and were adorned with many mansions composed of open halls in
20 great number, with ponds of divers kinds, and covered walks
surrounded by gardens of fruits and flowers that served as retreats
21 both by day and night. And these monasteries he dedicated unto
them, and caused a great feast to be held afterwards, at which
offerings were made of all things that were needful unto the
priesthood.

22 And after this the king gathered together the great body of
23 the priests who dwelt in the villages and forests, and chose from
24 among them such as strove diligently after purity of life, such
also as practised the Dhutaṅgas, such also as were accustomed
to the practice of austerities, such also as were endued with recti-
tude and the like virtues, such also in whom were implanted the

* *Ubhaya-sāsanaṇi*. "Both the churches." I believe the Mahá Vihāra establishment and the establishments of Abhayagiri and Jetavana are meant. See chap. LXXVIII., vv. 20—23.

† *Arhat*.

‡ *Saṅghārāma*. A term generally applied to large religious establishments.

principles of a virtuous life, yea, all these did he choose ; and after that he had caused an abode in the forest to be built for them on the mountain Putabhatta* he gave it unto them and ministered unto them. And because of these hermits who practised severe austerities he made it to appear as if there were Arhats in Laṅkā during his reign. 25

Moreover, when he saw that the elders who were learned in the scriptures were but thinly scattered in the island, he brought them hither from India, and the books also that were necessary for them. And he caused the priests of Laṅkā to be taught in all the branches of religion and logic and grammar and all the other sciences, and made learned men of many priests. Thus did this wise king spread abroad morality and religion among the priesthood, and by that act of faith and devotion did he show his great regard for the departed Buddha. 26 27 28

And his younger brother, even the sub-king Bhuvaneśa Báhu, he caused to be taught the three Piṭakas and made him skilful therein. And he caused him to expound the duties of elders,† and bestowed the rank of elder, in the midst of the assembly of the priesthood, on those priests who had hearkened to the address, and caused offerings to be made to the elders of all such things as were needful for a monastic life. 29 30 31

And as he sought to obtain the merit whereby he might cross the great ocean of successive life through the eight noble paths, he held great feasts eight times ; namely, in the third, the sixth, the eleventh, the twelfth, the seventeenth, the twenty-first, the twenty-seventh, and the thirtieth year of his reign. (And these he held in this manner.) He caused a great building to be raised on sixty pillars, and finished it with a great open hall of exceeding beauty that ran all around it. And after that he had adorned it with beautiful cloths of divers colours he caused a great multitude of priests to take up their abode there in rows. And because of his great love for the priesthood he caused great offerings and ministrations to be made unto them daily in his name, and bestowed the rite of ordination on many novices. And after that he caused the ranks of elder, chief elder, incumbent of temple, and such like high offices, to be bestowed on priests. Then he caused numerous articles that should be held in common by the Order, and were of great value, and divers goodly things that were necessary for priests, to be gathered together in heaps of the size 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

* Palābatgala


† *Thera Dammaṇ.*

of great elephants. And the lord of the land first gave royal gifts of the things that were necessary for priests to the chief
 41 elders and incumbents of temples, and then he gave the eight things that were needful for the monastic life to all those elders and priests who had completed the term of dependence on a
 42 spiritual teacher, in their due order. Thus did this king, the greatest of men, cause the great and noble feast (of ordination), perfect in its eight requirements, to be held for seven
 43 days at a time. After this also he caused the feast of ordination to be held many times, and made the religion of the Conqueror to prosper.

44 And, like as the moon produceth nectar and swelleth the expanse of water in the ocean, so did this king thoroughly extend the excellent religion of the Tathágata, the supreme lord of the true doctrine, by rendering divers services thereunto.

Thus endeth the eighty-fourth chapter, entitled "Services rendered to Religion," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXV.

1 ND afterwards the king built the Mahá Vihára in the noble city of Sirivaddhana wherein he was born—a city that could not be compared for its scenery—
 2 and endowed it with great possessions. It consisted of stately houses and open halls, of high walls and gates, and was ornamented with Bodhis, Cetiya, groves, and image-houses. The
 3 workmanship thereof was diverse and of exceeding beauty, and it was adorned with great splendour. And in the vast space that
 4 extended from the city of Jambuddoni to the city of Sirivaddhana, the length and breadth whereof was about eight yojanas* and one usabha, (the highway was) made even like the face of
 5 a drum, and was covered throughout with sand, exceeding fine
 6 and soft. And the divers flags and banners which ornamented
 7 the sides thereof were so great in number that they seemed to hide the rays of the sun; and rows of plantain trees were placed along the length thereof, with divers vessels for water, of exceeding

* According to Childers the *yojana* is about equal to twelve miles. But see Abhidhána P. v. 196.

beautiful workmanship, filled with ornamental flowers. And 8
 within this vast space the chief of men caused royal arches to 9
 be raised, one at every space of five cubits, at every space of 10
 ten cubits a cloth-arch, and at every space of hundred cubits a
 stately house of great size, consisting of three stories and lofty
 spires, and containing images of the supreme Buddha,—all
 finished with paintings of exceeding great beauty.

Afterwards he ornamented the vihāra with many painted arches 11
 round the circuit of the vihāra wall, of great size and beauty,—arches 12
 that looked contemptuously on the beautiful bow of the chief of the
 gods ;* with white parasols that looked like the moon in her fullest
 splendour, and beautiful flags of five colours and divers shapes, 13
 like beautiful dancers dancing in the firmament of heaven ; with 14
 rows of splendid halls glittering with jewels, like beautiful rows
 of mansions that were come down from the world of gods ; with 15
 numerous images of Brahmas dancing in rows with parasols in
 their hands, that were moved by instruments ; with moving 16
 images of gods of divers forms that went to and fro with
 their joined hands raised in adoration ; with moving figures of 17
 horses prancing hither and thither with the beauty of waves,
 rising and falling one after the other in the great sea ; with 18
 moving likenesses of great elephants, clothed in the trappings
 of elephants, making men doubt whether they were not rain-
 clouds that had descended to the earth ;—with these and divers 19
 other shows of this kind which delight the world, and are used at
 feasts, did he make the vihāra exceeding attractive.

Then again the king commanded all the priests and novitiates 20
 and the lay devotees also, male and female, who were dwellers in 21
 the island of Lapkā, to wait for the procession in great crowds 22
 without the vihāra and around it, at the space of a league from
 each other, raising shouts of applause and uttering the praises of
 the supreme Buddha, and holding in their hands offerings,
 flowers, and such like things that were needful at feasts in honour
 of Buddha ; and (he likewise commanded) all others, men and 23
 women who knew the value of the three sacred gems, to adorn
 themselves in their best apparel (and to tarry for the procession)
 with things that were fit for offerings. And the king also, 24
 moved by great devotion, decked himself in all the royal orna- 25
 ments and, in the midst of his four-fold army, placed the two
 relics of the Tooth and the Alms-bowl in a carriage of great

splendour, decorated with all the ornaments of an equipage.
 26 Then he caused rows of men to carry before the procession these
 27 articles and divers others that were used at feasts ; namely,
 28 banners of gold and banners of silver, water-pots of gold and
 29 water-pots of silver, chowries of gold and chowries of silver,
 caskets of gold and caskets of silver, beautiful fans of gold and
 fans of silver, *pokkharani** of gold and *pokkharani* of silver,
 and flower vases made of gold and flower vases made of silver.
 30 Then the king, followed with the sound of the five instruments of
 31 music and forming a procession of great magnificence, carried
 32 the relics by stages along the decorated highway into the city of
 Sirivaddhana, and placed them on the seat that was prepared for
 Buddha in the spacious ornamented hall that was built in the
 middle of the vihāra, and caused offerings to be made thereunto
 by the divers people (who had assembled there).
 33 And when the morning was come all the people arrayed them-
 34 selves in their best garments, and, being exceeding desirous of
 gaining merit, went up with flowers of the jasmine and champac
 and ironwood, and other kinds of flowers of divers hues mixed with
 flowers of gold (leaf) and the like, and devoutly made their
 35 offerings to the Tooth-relic and the Bowl-relic. And they made
 36 offerings also of many heaps of sweet white rice that looked like
 heaps of glory that had long gathered around the great king, and
 of divers kinds of fruit, such as plantains, jak, mango, and the
 like fruits that were exceeding ripe, sweet, and luscious. Then
 37 the king himself, in like manner, made offerings of divers kinds
 38 to those two noble relics ; and then he who was taught in all
 good manners ministered unto the Order and carefully provided
 them with food and drink,—food hard and soft, and drink that
 could be sucked, and drink that could be swallowed. And the
 39 lord of the land, who was exceeding delighted on that occasion,
 bestowed on several hundreds of priests the eight things that
 40 were needful for monks. Afterwards, throughout the three
 watches of the night, he illuminated the vihāra all round with
 lacs and crores of lighted lamps fed with perfumed oil, and with
 41 garlands of divers lamps perfumed with camphor oil, so that the
 whole face of the land looked like the firmament that was studded
 with stars. And the lord of the land held a feast in honour of
 42 Buddha, to which all men were drawn by the sweet songs of

* *Pokkharani* is a lotus pond. These were probably miniature representations of it.

singers and the dances of many dancers as they danced in divers 51
 characters on the excellent stages that were raised here and
 there,—a feast the tumult whereof was greatly increased by
 the sound of the five musical instruments which, like a blast
 proceeding from the sea of his merits, sufficed to drown the roar
 of the ocean and to put to shame the thunder of the clouds,—
 whereat also the voice of religion was heard from pulpits reverently
 set up by the faithful at divers places, whereon sat preachers of the
 sacred law, who, with beautiful fans in their hands, proclaimed
 the good law that convinced the hearts of the hearers thereof,—
 a feast which also was made pleasant by the shouts of the four
 classes of Buddha's disciples,* who went hither and thither
 viewing all things with admiration and congratulating each other
 as they praised the virtues of the three sacred genis, exclaiming,
 "Oh, the Buddha! Oh, the Dhamma! Oh, the Saṅgha!"—whose
 praises also were sung in strains like those of the Nandi† by the
 masters of the ceremonies‡ as they stood in crowds on every
 side invoking the blessings of Buddha.

And for seven days the lord of the land held this great feast 52
 in honour of the three sacred objects (Buddha, the Law, and 55
 the Church) in such a manner as if he were showing here (on
 earth) how even the chief of the gods held the feasts of Buddha
 in heaven, and as if he proclaimed how the kings of the olden
 time, the great rulers of the Siṅhalese, held their feasts in
 honour of the Supreme Buddha, and as if he proclaimed to all
 men how the perfections of the Omniscient Buddha, like unto
 the wish-conferring tree of heaven, yield fruit in and out of every
 season.

And afterwards when he (the king) had made the Mahá 56
 Vihára the property in common of the brethren, he dedicated it to
 the great priesthood, and thus filled the measure of his merit
 and his fame.

Thereafter the king built a pariveṇa adorned with lofty 57
 mansions, which was called Parakkama Báhu, after his name; and
 when he had furnished that vihára§ with furniture that was 58

* Monks, nuns, lay disciples, and female devotees.

† Speakers of prologues in a drama, or panegyrists.

‡ *Bali-bhojaka-jettha*. This is an obscure word; but I believe it is meant here for the chiefs of servers or managers in festivals, who were entitled to enjoy the surplus or remains of food offered during the ceremonies.

§ I have inserted the original words to show that "pariveṇa" and "vihára" are often used indiscriminately to mean a monastery.

suitied to it, and endowed it with many fruitful lands, he held a great feast (at its dedication).

59 The king also caused the pariveṇa, Bhuvaneka Báhu, called
60 after his name, to be built at Billasela Vihára by his sub-king,
61 which was adorned with mansions, halls, and the like buildings.
In the same way as was before related (of the Máha Vihára) at
the city of Sirivaddhana, he devoutly held a great feast in
honour of three Sacred Objects for seven days, whereat he gave
gifts of all things meet to be offered thereto.

62 And again the king caused a large vihára to be built by that same
63 sub-king in the noble city of Hatthigiri;* and when he had also
built a beautiful pariveṇa (there) on his account, called Mahá Ma-
hinda Báhu, he held a great feast, and thus heaped up much merit.

64 And he made great repairs to the decayed temple of five
65 stories that was built aforetime by king Yaṭṭhálatisa in the
excellent city of Kalyáni; and he finished it with plaster
66 work and restored it to its former state. He also repaired in
the selfsame city, the house wherein the sleeping image of the
King of Sages lay, and also the image-house called the Tivaṅka.
67 There also the lord of the land levelled the square courtyard of
68 the great Cetiya and paved it in proper order with broad stones.
Moreover he constructed in a proper manner a large open hall in
69 the front thereof. And after this the lord of the land with great
70 devotion, made offerings of flowers, lamps, and food at the feasts
that were held by him in honour of the Bodhi, the Cetiya, and
the supreme Buddha—offerings of no common order, many in
number, and pleasing to the people—and obtained merit (thereby).

71 Furthermore, the king caused a beautiful grove of cocoanuts to
72 be planted in his name, nigh unto the vihára, and dedicated it
thereto, that so a feast of lamps might be held in the vihára daily.

73 Again, at the vihára named Hatthavanagalla,† where the king
Siri-Saṅghabodhi gave his head away unto the beggar that came
74 to him, and whereon the king Goṭṭhábhaya then built a circular
75 relic-house of two stories, yea, even that relic-house did this
lord of the land turn into one of three stories adorned with a
76 lofty pinnacle of gold. And at that selfsame vihára, on the
place where the dead body of the king his father was laid (on
77 the funeral pile), he built a beautiful Cetiya, and afterwards built
an image-house with eight sides in the same place, and fixed a
stone statue of the supreme Buddha there.

Now there lived one who had received from the blessed chief 78
of the world, the Supreme Buddha, in his lifetime, as an inheri- 82
tance, his great Pañsulkúla robe,* and on his death had reigned
over the kingdom of righteousness. And when he had heard
that there was but one relic of the tooth left of that son of
Buddha, the Elder Mahá Kassapa, and that, in times past, had
reached Tambapañni in due course, and was yet preserved in
Bhíma-titthaṭ Vihára in the district of Pañca-yojana, this great
king conceived a strong love and regard unto the elder who had
the charge thereof, and proceeded to that great vihára with his 83
four-fold army. And it rejoiced him to see the noble relic that 84
was there, insomuch that he reverently kept up a feast of relics
for three days with sweet-smelling flowers of divers kinds in
great plenty, and lamps, incense, and food in great abundance.

And it came to the ears of the lord of the land that at the 85
noble city of Devanagara, which is like unto a mine of merit, there 86
lay decayed the temple of the lily-coloured god,† who is the king
of gods. And indeed it was an ancient temple, in that it had been
built many years ago. And, he went up to that beautiful city,
and made the temple of the king of the gods that stood there to 87
look as new and bright as the palace of Śakra, and made it like
unto a storehouse abounding with all wealth. And after that, 88
the chief of men made that city to abound with all prosperity,
and to be as goodly as the city of the gods (Devanagara). And 89
he ordained that an A'sálhi festival‡ should be held every year
in that city in honour of the god.

Then the great king came to the noble city of Jambuddoni, 90
and, round about the vihára, Siri-Vijayasundara, that the king 91
his father had built, he raised lofty walls and gates, and repaired
and renewed the three-storied relic-house. There also he set the 92
Tooth-relic of the great Sage on a high and costly throne, and, 93
in the same manner as has been told above, he held for seven
days a great feast in honour of the three Sacred Objects, a feast
that ensures all prosperity.

And he (the king) longed every day to behold a beautiful 94
picture of the Blessed One—a perfect likeness of the Master as

* A robe made of cast-off cloth found on dunghills, the wayside, and such like places.

† Bentota.

‡ Vishnu. The epithet alludes to his colour which is that of the blue lily.

§ A festival held in the month A'sálha (June-July).

95 he was in his lifetime. So the chief of men employed many
 96 skilled painters to paint on a beautiful cloth a surpassing
 likeness of Buddha, as the Blessed One appeared on earth when
 he walked on the great bridge of gold and gems.* Thereafter
 97 the king, being liberally minded, assembled the whole body of
 priests who were dwellers of Laṅkā, and the great body of his
 98 people also, and, in the manner described above, caused a great
 feast of Buddha to be held in the city of Sirivaddhana for
 seven days.

99 And when the king had heard of the exceeding great merit
 that was derived from the bestowal of the Kaṭhina robe,† he
 100 was greatly pleased, and he thought to himself thus, saying, “An
 101 excellent gift of eighty Kaṭhina robes must I indeed give in
 102 memory of the eighty glorious chief disciples of him who standeth
 like a solitary bridge whereby men could cross the boundless and
 awful ocean of transmigration,—the banner of the proud race of
 the Sākya, whom all mankind do honour,—the lord of the earth,
 the kinsman of the earth, and the kinsman of the sun,‡—a Rishi,
 whose senses have been subdued,—a sage, yea, a prince of sages
 103 and a teacher.” And when he had meditated thus, the learned
 king gathered together the inhabitants of Laṅkā—a great multi-
 104 tude of men and women—and set them all to work to prepare the
 cotton and other things, and speedily finished the work of the
 105 robes. And he caused the eighty Kaṭhina robes to be given in
 the course of one single day, with all the goods and chattels that
 106 were lawful for the priests to use. And he who was well skilled
 in the proper way of giving gifts, prepared all these things and
 gave them in charge of all the elders who dwelt at Tambapaṇṇi.§
 107 And in honour of the eighty great disciples he made eighty
 108 great offerings separately on that same day. In this manner
 did he give to the great priesthood Kaṭhina robes in great
 abundance on many occasions, and so heaped up great merit.
 109 Likewise also the king, whose mind was moved by noble
 ambition, resolved many a time to dedicate to the supreme

* *Mahā-ratnacandana*. The bridge of gold and gems said to have been created by Buddha at Kapilavastu, his birthplace, in order to display his supernatural power before his kinsfolk. See Buddhavaṃsa for details.

† A robe made for a Buddhist priest in the course of a single day and night at the end of the Vas season, or Buddhist Lent.

‡ The Sākya race being considered as a branch of the Solar Dynasty.

§ The Kaṭhina robe must be presented or offered to the Saṅgha, on whom only devolves the duty of selecting one out of their number as the most fitting to become its recipient.

Buddha the kingdom of Laṅkā. And to this end he adorned the 110
 royal palace like the palace of the chief of the gods, and decorated
 the city befittingly like unto the city of the gods. Then, within 111
 the palace, he placed the Tooth-relic of the Great Sage on a costly
 throne, and when he had assembled the great priesthood of 112
 Laṅkā he held a high feast with a display of divers chowries 113
 and umbrellas, of divers jewelled crowns, of ornaments and 114
 cloths, of heaps of divers gems, of elephants and horses, of hosts 115
 and chariots, of the sound of divers drums and chanks, of flags and 116
 banners, of rows of plantains, of basins of milk, of flower plants, 117
 of sweet flowers, of divers gorgeous litters and the like, of divers
 kinds of excellent rice, of divers kinds of cakes, of larups, incense
 and perfumes,—with these and the like things for public display,
 worthy of a king, did he reverently hold a great feast for seven
 days at a time.

Afterwards this eminent king with his four-fold army pro- 118
 ceeded to Samantakūṭa, the crest-jewel of mountains, and there 119
 worshipped the footprint of him who is the god of gods, the
 king of righteousness, the teacher,—a footprint worthy of
 the honour of gods and other beings. And, being moved thereto 120
 by faith, he gave unto that famous shrine a district that 121
 extended about ten leagues around that noble hill, and contained
 many gems, and was full of people, both men and women. And
 afterwards he again offered thereunto jewels and ornaments.

Thus did this wise king, who had faith in Buddha, raise heaps 122
 upon heaps of merit, as if he raised a bridge to cross the ocean of
 transmigration or a ladder to ascend to the world of the gods.

Thus endeth the eighty-fifth chapter, entitled “The Perfor-
 mance of divers Acts of Merit,” in the Mahāvapaṇsa, composed
 equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXVI.

MOREOVER the king thought within himself, saying: 1
 “Indeed it seemeth right to me that I, who am the ruler 2
 of the whole of Laṅkā, should journey throughout the
 land and worship the holy shrines therein with great devotion,
 that so I may perform works of merit and benefit the people;
 (but inasmuch as I am not able to do so), who is there among 3
 my ministers that hath the power and wisdom to heap up this
 wealth of merit for me and to benefit the people of the land

4 according to my desire? This minister of mine, even Devap-
 patirāja, hath, until now, always conducted himself with reverence
 and affection towards Buddha, the Law, and the Priesthood.
 5 (Great, indeed, is his piety ;) for once he prayed that he might
 become a Buddha and planted a cocoanut, having earnestly prayed
 and resolved (that some sign should be shown him that his desire
 6 would be fulfilled), and lo, there opened up three buds from the
 7 three eyes thereof. And again, a second time did this minister
 pray, saying, ‘ May I become a Buddha!’ after that he was so
 overcome with compassion for a beggar, and had offered him all
 his substance, yea, even his wife and children. This selfsame man,
 8 therefore, is he who will understand and fulfil all my desire.”
 And when he had communed with himself in this manner he
 9 sent and spake unto him, saying, “The path that leadeth
 10 to Mount Sumana* is exceeding difficult to pass through, because
 that it is stopped in divers places by marshes and water and
 rocks, as if the wicked Māra, the tempter, had placed them
 11 there. To the inhabitants of the eighteen countries, who go
 thither to worship the footprint of the Sage and to acquire merit
 thereby, the journey is great and toilsome. Do thou, therefore,
 restore that road and put it into good order.

12 “Again, at Hatthavanagalla Vihāra,† where in the days of old a
 13 certain great elder, possessed of miraculous power, attained Arhat-
 ship, and by the power of his own merit caused both the heaven
 and the earth to resound with thunder, even there did Upatissa,
 14 the king, at that time build a temple of five stories and cover it
 15 with tiles of gold. But it hath been told me that that temple
 hath even now been destroyed by the lapse of time, and that the
 pillars thereof only remain. Do thou, therefore, my good friend,
 restore that building also in my name.

16 “And at the Bhīmatittha Vihāra, where the king Nissanka
 17 planted an orchard, do thou likewise, in my name, lay out a large
 garden full of cocoanut and other fruitful trees.”

And when he had thus spoken the king commanded him to
 devote himself with diligence to each special work.

18 And the minister replied saying, “Yea, be it so,” and then
 19 proceeded first to Gangāsiripura.‡ And there he caused a stately
 image to be made of the god Sumana, complete in all its parts,
 20 which he adorned beautifully with ornaments of gold and jewels.

* Adam's Peak.

† Attanagalla Vihāra.

‡ Gampola.

And then, as he was desirous of going from thence to Samanta-kúta, he proceeded and took with him the image of the god in 21 procession, and went to the village Bodhitala,* from which place he began the work of building bridges.

And nigh unto the mouth of the Khajjota river† he built a 22 bridge of about thirty-five cubits in length, and another of thirty cubits in length across the same river. Likewise also at Ulla- 23 panagáma‡ he built one of thirty-six cubits in length, and at 24 Ambagáma§ a great bridge of thirty-four cubits in length, very strong and beautiful, so that even elephants and horses, black cattle, buffaloes, and the like could pass over it safely. And on the causeways of these great bridges he caused to be built houses, 25 large and beautiful, and adorned with high pillars and such like. And he assembled a great number of priests together from divers 26 places and treated them bountifully and held a great feast.

In divers other places also he built halls for resting and bridges. 27 and laid down steps of stone in divers ways. He caused the 28 great forest to be hewn down and a public path made; and then he went up to Samantakúta and worshipped the footprint there, and set up the image of the god on the ground within the court- 29 yard of the shrine, and built an open hall over the sacred foot. He also caused a wall to be built around it; and as he was a man 30 of great forethought, he fastened the open hall with great chains 31 to posts of iron, and so made it firm. Then again he honoured the sacred foot with a feast of lamps and the like, which continued for three days. And he bore a lamp of perfumed oil, even on his 32 own head, and, on behalf of his master, the great king, walked 33 round the sacred foot, bowing thereunto frequently as he did so, and kept the lamp burning (so that it went not out) for the whole night. And all these things, in due order from the 34 beginning, did he cause to be inscribed on a stone pillar of great height which he set up there with joy, as if he were raising a 35 pillar of glory to Parakkama Báhu, the great king of kings. And afterwards, when his purpose had been fulfilled, he informed 36 all these things to the king by the mouth of a messenger.

And after that he went to Hatthavanagalla Vihára, and, in the 37 manner that the king had commanded him, he spent much money and caused a temple to be built with three floors and a lofty 38 pinnacle, and gave it to the great lord Anomadassi, who was a man of great wisdom and understanding. Afterwards, at the 39

* Botala.

† Kado-oya.

‡ Ulapana.

§ Ambagamuwa.

king's command, he made provision for its support and caused the same to be inscribed on a stone.

40 Thence this great minister proceeded to the port of Bhímatittha.
And there he built a bridge, eighty-six cubits' span, at the mouth
41 of the Kálanadí* river ; one of about one hundred yaṭṭhis† span
at the village Kadalísena ;‡ one of forty yaṭṭhis' span over the
42 Sálaggáma river,§ and one of fifty cubits' span over the Sála-
pádapa river.|| Thus did he build these and other bridges at
43 divers places where it was difficult to cross over ; and likewise
also he made numerous gardens and halls for preaching and the
like, and did even give away much alms and hold feasts (in con-
nection therewith).

44 Afterwards this great minister of the king formed a large cocoa-
45 nut garden, full of fruit and fine shade, and gave it the famous
name of Parakkama Báhu ; and it extended from the Bhíma-
titṭha Vihára unto the ford of the Kálanadí, a space of about
46 one yojana in width. And as he was an exceeding liberal man
47 he held a great feast and gave presents to the priesthood of twenty-
six Kāṭhina robes of exceeding great value, the which, even from
the spinning and the weaving of the cotton and the like, he caused
to be wrought in one day in the divers villages of the province.
48 And again, as he journeyed through the country, making gifts of
robes in like manner, he bestowed on the priesthood six and
twenty Kāṭhina robes also.

49 And when he had caused the great forest Mahálabujagaccha¶
50 to be cut down altogether and rooted up, he made a fine village
thereon and planted a large grove of jak trees near it. And there
51 he made an image-house of three stories, surrounded by a round
wall enclosing a Bodhi, a Cetiya, and an A'ráma, and made a great
feast in connection therewith in the king's name.

52 Even thus did he (the minister) who bore the name of
Rājañña** perform great deeds of merit ; and he returned and
informed the king of all that he had done.

53 Thereupon the king also conceived a great affection for him,
54 and granted many villages which he had formed, such as

° The Black river, Kalu-gangga.

† A yaṭṭhi is equal to seven cubits of two spans to the cubit.

‡ Kehelsen, Kehel-lenáva ?

§ Salgamu-gangga.

|| Salruk.

¶ Mádalgasvanaya.

°° A Kṣatriya, or a prince of royal blood.

Mahálabujagaccha and others, to be held by him and his family. Afterwards the king proceeded to the temple of the relics, 55 taking the minister also with him; and in the midst of the priesthood he made this proclamation, saying, "Lo! this is my noble minister whose heart delighteth always in the three Sacred Objects and in me. Therefore is this (minister), who hath devoted 56 himself to the interest of Buddha and the king, a dear and beloved 57 (servant of mine). And I also do, therefore, offer unto the sacred Tooth-relic that which is most dear unto me." So saying, he dedicated the noble minister with his wife and children to (the service of) the Tooth-relic of the Sage.

Thus from that time forth this ruler of the land employed the 58 selfsame noble Devappatirāja in making offerings of divers costly things to the three Sacred Gems which are honoured by the world.

Thus endeth the eighty-sixth chapter, entitled "The Causing the Performance of Divers Acts of Merit," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXVII.

AND now at one time there came a great drought upon 1 Laṅkā, as if it were a curse; which dried up every- 2 thing. And when the harvests withered and famine 3 seemed certain, and the inhabitants of Laṅkā were everywhere 4 oppressed with terror, lo! the king caused divers kinds of offerings 5 to be made to the three Sacred Objects, the Cetiya, the Bodhis, and 6 also to Nátha, Metteiya, and other mighty gods that were worthy of honour; and he filled Laṅkā, even every part thereof, with 7 great rejoicing. And he assembled together the great priesthood, 8 and, with the ceremonies that were due, made them to chaunt the 9 Paritta. And when he had duly borne the Tooth-relic in procession round about the city, he prayed and resolved in his mind, saying, "Let there be rain!" And lo! there arose great clouds on every side: and they shone with lightnings; and great thunderings followed, delighting the ears of the whole nation. And the clouds began to pour down rain, and made an end of the great drought, and caused the people to rejoice, and despoiled the famine, and decked the regions around with beauty, and refreshed the harvests of the land.

10 And the dwellers of Laṅkā praised the virtues of the king and
 13 the virtues of the King of Sages, saying again and again, "By
 the power of Buddha alone do these clouds that gladden our
 hearts thus give showers of rain. Who, therefore, among the
 gods, Brahmas, or men, is able to know the greatness of Buddha's
 virtues? And our king also, he is a man of great glory and
 great power. There hath been none like unto him, nor shall
 there be."

14 And the king, while he yet protected the religion and the State
 15 righteously, and made his own life truly profitable, and enjoyed
 16 the pleasures of State for a long time, once sent unto his five
 17 skilful sons; namely, Vijaya Báhu, Bhuvaneṣa Báhu, Tiloka-
 18 malla, Parakkama Báhu, and Jaya Báhu, and also unto Vira
 Báhu, the son of his younger sister,—and began to give counsel
 18 unto these six in this wise, saying: "Hearken to my words O
 19 children! There are in this world three kinds of sons, to wit,
 19 the base-born, the well-born, and the high-born.* Of these,
 they who are not able by a virtuous life to enjoy the sub-
 stance of their parents that had continued in their family
 20 for generations, but waste and ruin it like unto the monkeys
 who destroy a garland, and then wander about in poverty,—
 of such do the ancient sages say that they are base-born sons.
 21 And they who have inherited such substance and enjoy it as their
 22 parents did, and preserve the inheritance of the family, know ye
 23 that such men are known as well-born (sons worthy of their
 fathers). And now shall I describe the other (kind). They who
 add* greatly to the substance that have come down to the family
 by inheritance and enjoy the same in happiness,—these wise men
 24 are known as high-born. Now, what my father gave to me was
 25 but the one country of Máya only. And after that I had taken
 the charge thereof I have conquered the two other countries, and
 included again all the three kingdoms under the dominion of one
 canopy. Moreover, I have subdued all the Tamils against whom
 26 he could not prevail. Even all the Vannian princes who had
 betaken themselves to the fastnesses in the mountains and other
 strongholds, and lived (in freedom) in divers parts of the country,
 27 have I brought around me. In strange lands also have I caused
 my fame to spread; and thus have I governed the kingdom for a
 28 long time with justice and equity. I obtained royal princesses

* *Avajāta, Anujāta, Atijāta.*

with gifts from India, and so made even the princes of other lands your kinsmen. The valiant Pandian and Cholian kings, 29 of the lineage of the Sun and the Moon, have sent unto me gifts of crowns and royal ornaments. Of jewels have I gotten me 30 great heaps, even as Kuvera (the god of wealth) got himself the 31 nine treasures, to wit, the Sapkha and the like ; and these heaps shall suffice for all of you, not only for the present, but for the future also, that your children's children may enjoy them even unto the seventh generation. By me also have the wicked been 32 restrained and the good defended, and the (divers branches of the) religion of the supreme Buddha made to work in perfect harmony. Therefore have I proved myself a high-born son of the king my 33 father. Children, be ye also high-born sons like as we are ! In days of old, the sixty-thousand sons of the king Ságara, who 34 was of the lineage of Okkáka, formed as many cities, and divided 35 the whole land of Jambudípa into sixty-thousand portions, and reigned in peace each one in his own kingdom ; and again, in the 36 days that are now past did the ten princes divide Jambudípa among themselves into ten parts, and reign peaceably and well. 37 In like manner do ye also, my children, divide this land of Lapká among yourselves as it seemeth good to you, and reign well, advising and counselling one another ; but, my sons, let not the 38 stranger, your enemy, see that ye are in the least divided among yourselves." In this manner did he advise his own sons and his nephew.

Afterwards the king gathered all the chief priests and the 39 people together, and asked them, saying, " Whom think ye 40 among these six princes, my sons and nephew, is worthy of the kingdom ? " And when the chief priests heard these words they made answer, saying : " O great king ! these thy royal princes, 41 and this thy nephew also, are men of high spirits, valiant, and skilled in all knowledge. They all are experienced in war, and 42 have destroyed their enemies, and have protected the religion and the State, and are, indeed, worthy to govern the kingdom. Nevertheless, the prince Vijaya Báhu, thy eldest son, O king ! 43 hath, from his childhood, taken delight in the three Sacred Gems. His heart hath ever been inclined to minister unto the priests 44 in their sickness and infirmity ; he speaketh and maintaineth the truth, and is grateful and endued with faith, wisdom, and virtue ; he is a help to them that are helpless among the aged 45 and infirm, and full of compassion towards the afflicted. And when he took the government into his hands he released from 46

47 bondage many kinsmen of the priesthood, and many of the
common people who had been sent into slavery,* and redeemed
them by giving gold, jewels, and such precious things to their
48 masters. Even thieves who rob the king's house, after their
49 sentence hath been passed, are wont to come to him without fear
or alarm, and escape in safety with their lives, suffering not so
50 much as the loss of a limb. And, O king! whenever he saw in
the villages men who had become defaulters by withholding the
tribute that was due to the king and taking it for their own use,
he was wont to give them his own money (wherewith they
51 might pay the tribute). And as he knew the ways of govern-
ment, he absolved all those who suffered privation from their dues,
52 and thus gave protection to the people. Even some of the
Sinhalese Vannian princes who should have been subdued by you
are wont to show themselves first to him, and afterwards to appear
53 before you without fear. The high-born wives of your ministers
54 counsel their husbands in all love, saying, 'Do ye henceforth
continually and steadfastly serve Vijaya Báhu, who will uphold
55 the dignity of our families in the time to come.' It is even said
56 that parents desirous of hearing the sweet lisping voices of their
children of two or three years old, ask them, saying, 'Whom
desire ye to serve?' and they answer, saying, 'Vijaya Báhu : him
57 shall we serve.' It is said also that when children are beaten by
58 their parents in their anger, they go up and make their complaint
to him, and that he sendeth unto the parents and adviseth them
kindly that they should not any more punish their children of
59 tender years. And after that he had admonished them in this
manner, he would give them money out of his own treasury where-
60 with to buy food for their children. Even like unto the man who
hath eyes to see, and while he yet beholdeth the sky with its full
61 moon, still asketh, saying, 'Where is the full moon?' how cometh
it, O gracious king! that thou inquirest of the priesthood when
thou thyself knowest well that thy son possesseth the virtues
62 that are fit to adorn a kingdom. Nevertheless, O good and great
king! hear us. This prince possesseth indeed auspicious signs
that fit him not only to govern the island of Laṅkā but even the
whole land of India."

63 And when the king heard these and many other praises of
his son from the mouth of the priests, his eyes were filled with

* It appears to have been the custom for a debtor who could not satisfy his creditor to work under him as a slave. A custom akin to this is said to exist in Siam.

tears of joy, and he called affectionately unto his son Vijaya 64
 Báhu, and set him on a seat near him equal to his own. And 65
 then the great king directed him regarding all the things that
 he had left undone in the church and in the kingdom, in this
 wise : "The Ratanávali Cetiya hath the stranger, our enemy, 66
 destroyed : do thou, therefore, build it up and adorn it with
 a pinnacle of gold. That city of Pulatthi, the former capital of 67
 the kings of Lapká, the noblest gem on the brow of cities, do 68
 thou restore to its former condition, with walls and towers, with
 well-built gates on its four sides, and with a deep moat sur-
 rounding it ; and there, in the former Relic-house which was like 69
 unto a beautiful mansion in heaven, do thou place the two relics
 of the Tooth and the Alms-bowl ; and remember that I also am 70
 desirous of holding the feast of my coronation in this city of
 former kings. Do thou also take the whole congregation of 71
 priests who are in the three divisions of Lapká, as also the great
 body of the people, to Sahassa-tittha,* and, with gifts and offerings,
 hold a feast of Ordination in the Maháváluka river ; and do thou 72
 thus cause the religion of the Conqueror to prosper."

And when he had spoken these and such like words, and had 73
 told him all that was needful to be done for the advancement of
 the church and the kingdom, he placed the government in the
 hands of his son.

And after that the king gave unto his charge the other five 74
 princes, and the two relics of the Tooth and Alms-bowl of the
 great Sage, and the congregation of priests, and the whole body
 of ministers, and the land of Lapká.

Thus endeth the eighty-seventh chapter, entitled "The Handing
 over of the Government of the Kingdom," in the Mahávamsa,
 composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

AND the prince† Vijaya Báhu, whose mind knew not any
 fear, consented to it, saying, "Be it so!" and he took
 upon himself the weight of the government. And then
 he thought to himself, saying, "To the king, my father, even while
 he yet liveth, shall I show myself his high-born son." And so,

* Dástota.

† He is called "king" in the text ; but as he was only vested with the
 administration of the government while his father held the actual sovereignty,
 I have rendered the word *Rāja* by 'prince,' in order to avoid confusion.

among the seven things that were needful for the king's work of government*—to wit, the lord, the minister, the friend and others—he began to search him out a man meet to be the king's friend,
 4 —one to be trusted, one wise in counsel and faithful in adversity, one that lied not but made himself pleasant. And he considered the matter oft times, saying, "Who indeed is there now that suiteth
 5 me?" And he bethought him, saying: "Surely Vīra Báhu the Governor liveth, the son of my father's younger sister, a wise man endued with many virtues and skilful in all business.
 6 From our childhood, when we played with each other in the sand, even until now, have I known him as one that trusteth in me
 7 as (he hath likewise trusted) in all good men. (Our friendship, moreover, is so great that) he endureth not to abide anywhere without seeing me, nor can I endure to abide anywhere without
 8 seeing him. And he is endued also with powers of mind and body exceedingly great, and striveth always, as I do, to further the welfare of the church and the kingdom. And therefore fulfilleth he
 9 all things that be needful in a friend." And so he sent unto him
 10 and gave him the place of a faithful friend. Then he thought to himself, saying: "It is indeed meet that I should begin my work with a most noble act of merit, that will draw the minds of
 11 men thereto. The two relics of the Tooth and the Alms-bowl have been committed to my care. It behoveth me, therefore, to build
 12 a new temple for them; but inasmuch as the old house of the Tooth-relic that was built by the king my father hath fallen into
 13 decay, that shall I restore and renew." So he brought together, from divers places, a great number of artificers skilled in all
 14 kinds of craft, and many other workmen also, and thus caused
 15 repairs and improvements to be made in them so that they looked two-fold more beautiful than the former works. And when he had made an end of all the work of the Tooth-relic house, which looked as beautiful as a mansion in heaven, he
 16 placed therein the two relics of the Supreme Buddha, and ordained that honours and offerings should be paid thereto daily, greater than had been paid hitherto, and that his own watch should be duly set over them.
 17 And from thenceforth the prince so behaved himself that the love that the king his father bore him increased continually and

* *Satta Rājagāni*.—The seven requisites of regal administration, viz., the monarch, the friend or ally, treasure, territory, a fortress, an army. Sometimes two more are enumerated, viz., the citizens and the *Purohita Brahman*.

was now two-fold and three-fold more (thau it had been at any time before).

And the prince caused his younger brothers, Parakkama Báhu 18 and Jaya Báhu, to tarry always with the king his father, that so he 19 might not have any cause for sorrow by reason of his separation from all his sons. Moreover, he sent for his younger brother Tilokamalla 20 and put him in command of the Sinhalese host that held the country 21 which extended from the city of Jambudoṇi unto the southern sea. And he made him to dwell in the village Mahávatthala, 22 that so he might protect the king his father on the south side. But as their enemies were wont always to land from the opposite 23 coast at the village Khuddaválika on the north side, the ruler 24 of the land thought that there was none better than his younger brother Bhuvaneka Báhu to defend the country on that side, where fearful battles were always fought. And so he sent for 25 him and gave him the command of the great army that held the northern country, and commanded him to tarry at Sundara 26 Pabbata,* to defend the king his father from danger on that side.

Then the prince prepared himself and journeyed throughout 27 the country with Víra Báhu, and put down all the evil-doers, and, freed Laṅká from the enemies that were like unto thorns thereto. 28 After that, when he had obtained leave from his father, he set out, saying, "Now shall I repair and restore the city of Pulatthi." Then the great and tender-hearted king Parakkama Báhu fol- 29 lowed his son, because of the love that he had for him, as though he were borne onward by a flood, albeit that his son had wished him not to do so. Thereupon he bowed down before his father 31 and besought him again and again; and after that he had turned him back by force (of much entreaty), he proceeded on his journey.

Thereupon the king made a proclamation saying, "Let all 32 men who have any love for my son follow him." And the king's 33 word was no sooner proclaimed than all the royal ministers of 34 State, all the officers, all the mighty men of valour, all elephant-riders, all horsemen and charioteers, were filled with great joy, and prepared themselves, saying, "It is said that our Vijaya 35 Báhu, the Bodhisatta,† goeth to the royal city of Pulatthi to 36

* Yápaṇva.

† This seems to have been a name given him, on account of his many virtues, by the people, of whom he appears to have been a great favourite; and, in history, he is distinguished from the other Parakkamas by this *sobriquet*.

restore it. If indeed he goeth, then shall we also straightway go
 37 with him." And so when they had thus prepared themselves
 they departed (from their dwellings) to go with him. But when
 certain of the officers and soldiers, by reason of their idleness,
 38 wished not to go, it is told that their wives spake thus unto them :
 39 "Dear lords, whether ye accompany us or not, we have resolved to
 follow him who seeketh after the good of his country only ; and we
 shall dwell in the noble city that shall be built by him." So
 40 saying, they departed before their husbands. It is also told
 that even the young children abandoned their fathers who wished
 41 not to go, and followed him on that occasion. But when the
 42 prince saw that a great multitude followed him, leaving their
 lands and houses and possessions, he was filled with compassion
 for them, and exhorted them with many words, and turned back
 from their journey all such as he thought necessary should be
 made to tarry behind.

43 And he took with him as much of the four-fold army as he
 desired to have, and went up to that high rocky stronghold
 44 called Vátagiri.* And on the top of that mountain he built a
 45 glorious palace, and surrounded it with a very high wall, and
 buried all the valuable treasure therein that the king his father
 46 had given him, that so it might avail him in time of need. And
 47 on that selfsame great rock he built a beautiful monastery, and
 when he had invited the great elder, the chief of the vihára,
 Mahánettappásáda, he gave him the charge of that noble
 building, and held a great feast at the dedication thereof, and
 made provision for its support.

8 From that place the prince went to Sumanakúṭa, and after
 he had worshipped the foot-print of the Sage he came to
 Gaṅgásiripura.† There he repaired the breaches in the ancient
 9 vihára, Nigamaggáma Pásáda ;‡ and after he had made
 10 provision for the support of the priests who dwelt there, he
 11 arrived at Sindúravána. And there the prince built the vihára
 by name Vanaggáma Pásáda ; and after that he built, in the name of
 12 the king his father, the pariveṇa Abhaya Rája, to which he gave
 divers things that were needful to monks, as also lands and other
 things.

13 From thence the ruler of the land went to the noble city of
 14 Hatthigiri.§ There, at the beautiful Mahá Vihára that his

* Vagiri-gala. † Gampola. ‡ Niyangampaya. § Kurunégala.

father's royal brother* had built, was the place where his body was buried,—a place that was always to be had in reverence. And as he beheld it again and again together with the prince Vira Báhu and (in the presence of) the army, he waxed sorrowful, and meditated thereat on the unabiding nature of all earthly things. Then he caused an excellent image-house of three stories to be built and a great image of Buddha to be made there. And then he caused a beautiful likeness of his uncle to be made, and adorned it with every royal ornament, and set it up in the same place. To the image-house, as also to the image of his uncle, he dedicated fruitful lands that were able to produce what was lawful for their support, and many servants and attendants ; and the prince called it (the establishment) Bhuvaneka Báhu Pariveṇa, after the name of his uncle. Then he turned it into a city filled with people, both men and women, and surrounded it with a wall and a moat and such like works. After that the brave prince departed therefrom and, taking with him the four-fold army, went up to the city of Subhagiri.

Now at this time Candabhānu, the chieftain who had been discomfited and put to flight in a great battle, collected a great number of Tamil strong men from the Paṇḍu and the Coḷa countries and strengthened himself mightily, and descended again upon Mahátittha with his host of Malays. And from thence, that prince, after he had subdued the inhabitants of the Padi, Kurundi, and other countries, proceeded to Subha Pabbata and encamped there. And he sent word (to Vijaya Báhu) saying, “ I will surely take the three Sihalas,† and shall not leave them unsubdued. Therefore, deliver up the kingdom to me, together with the Tooth-relic and the Bowl-relic ; otherwise make war.”

Thereupon Vijaya Báhu sent unto prince Vira Báhu, and after they had taken counsel together they set their great army in battle array, and proceeded both of them together, saying, “ Oh, that we may this day behold the strength of each other's arms ! ” And they surrounded the great army of Candabhānu and fought a fierce battle, like unto the battle of Rāma. And that day the enemy's strong men were utterly defeated and put to confusion in the field of battle. And they threw down their arms, and bowed themselves down with fear, and spake flattering words.

* Bhuvaneka Báhu. See chap. LXXXI., vv., 68 *et seq.*

† Rubuṇu, Pihīṭi, and Máya.

- 71 And some moved not, but stood still like pillars and prayed for
 72 help, and others trembled and wept sore. On that day also the
 enemy's soldiers fled with fear on every side, some towards the
 woods, others towards the sea, and others again towards the hills.
 73 Thus did he (Vijaya Báhu) fight the battle and put Candabhānu
 to flight, weaponless, after that he had slain many of his soldiers.
 74 And he took his chief women and all his horses and elephants ;
 his sword and other weapons, many in number ; his great
 75 treasure ; his royal chank and the royal umbrella ; the royal drum,
 and the royal banners. All these, however, he sent unto his father.
 76 In this manner did he fight this great battle and obtain the
 victory ; and after he had subdued the country he brought Lakṣá
 under the dominion of one canopy.
- 77 Afterwards he enclosed that city (Subha Pabbata) also with a
 78 high wall and a moat, and built there and finished a palace of
 exceeding great beauty, and made provision for the support of
 79 the great priesthood that dwelt in that city. And he encouraged
 his younger brother Bhuvaneka Báhu, and caused him to stay
 at Subha Pabbata as before.
- 80 And after this the ruler of the land went to Anurádhapura and
 81 cleared the holy places, such as the Thúpárama and others,
 cutting down the huge forest that had grown around them like
 unto a fastness that Mára had created, and built up the rampart
 82 which was (unto him) like a bridge over the river of (his) desire.
 And the chief of the land repaired these holy places and made
 them to look bright, and held a great feast in honour thereof.
- 83 And being minded to finish the repairs of the Ratanávali
 84 Cetiya, which the king his father had commenced but left
 unfinished, he made haste and gathered together from their
 divers dwelling-places all the inhabitants of the city who had
 85 left it, and placed there a great body of skilful artificers. And
 86 the prince made provision for the support of the priesthood,
 whose chief was the great elder of Senánátha Pariveṇa, and
 established him there to have the oversight of the repairs.
- 87 Thereupon the Vannian princes of the Patitṭhá country
 brought many gifts and presented themselves before the prince.
 88 And he also made presents unto them of litters,* and white
 umbrellas, chowries, and such like, as also the emblems of the
 89 princes of the Mahá Vanni, so that they were all well pleased.

* *Andoli*. I believe this is a name for a seat or conveyance with a swinging motion, from *Andoláyati*, to swing or oscillate.

And then he commanded them to defend that city, and went up from thence to the city of Pulatthi.

And there he sent for the prince Vīra Báhu and took counsel with him, saying, "Let us make this chief city a goodly one and fill the four corners of the earth with the incense of our praise." And this ruler of men then sent a messenger unto his father, who was to speak in this wise :—

"There are now in the city of Pulatthi, palaces, image-houses, vihāras, pariveṇas, cetiyas, relic-houses, ramparts, towers, bird-shaped houses,* mansions, open halls, preaching halls, temples of the gods, and such like buildings; whereof some are yet standing, although the trees of the forest have grown over and covered them. Others are fast falling, because that the pillars thereof are rotten and cannot support them. Others, alas! are bent down with the weight of huge walls split from the top to the bottom, and are tumbling down, because that there is nothing to support them. Sad, indeed, is it also to see others, unable to stand by reason of decay and weakness, bending down to their fall day by day, like unto old men. Some there are with broken ridge-rafters and damaged beam-ends, and some with roofs fallen down and the tiles thereof broken. In some the tiles have slipped through the breaches of the decayed roof, and in others only the walls and pillars remain. Some there are with fallen doors, and door-posts that have been displaced, and others with loose staircases and ruined galleries. Of some buildings there only remain the signs of their foundations, and in others even the sites cannot be distinguished. What need is there of further description? This city, which is now so ugly and displeasing to the eye, we purpose to make beautiful and pleasant. Let the king grant us leave thereto, and let the feast of coronation be held in this great city afterwards!"

And the king also, when he heard these things, was much pleased, because that he was himself minded to make it the chief royal city. And he called all his great ministers together, and bade them command all the inhabitants of Laṅkā that they should each betake himself (to his trade or occupation). Then he gathered together smelters, turners, basketmakers, blacksmiths, potters, goldsmiths, painters, porters, labourers, slaves, outcasts, skilful bricklayers, masons, carpenters, and divers kinds

* *Adḍhayaḡa*. Described as a house, the roof of which is shaped like a bird's wing.

of workers in stone. And again, he gathered together all sorts of blacksmiths' tools, such as bellows, sledges, pinchers, and anvils ;
 108 and also numerous sharp saws, adzes, axes, wood-cleavers, stone-
 109 cutters' chisels, knives, hammers, spades, mats, baskets, and
 110 such like ;—all these tools and materials, and much treasure
 consisting of pearls, cat's-eyes, and other precious things, together
 with a great host of people, did he send unto his royal son.

111 Then the prince Vijaya Báhu was much pleased thereat. And
 in that country which had been lying desolate and in ruins for
 112 a long time, he caused the tanks, ponds, dykes, pools, and such
 like stores of water that had their great embankments breached
 113 and broken, to be built up as before, so that they were filled with
 water, and covered with divers kinds of lotuses, and full of all
 manner of fish.


114 And after that he restored many fertile fields which had afore-
 115 time produced divers kinds of grain ; and he caused the crops
 everywhere to flourish, and the whole of that beautiful country to
 abound with plenty.

116 And the prince caused the noble city of Pulatthi to be restored
 to its former state, and surrounded it with a deep moat like unto
 the sea, and with a circular rampart like unto the Cakkavála
 117 rock ; and spread abroad over it divers gardens, divers ponds,
 118 many viháras and cetiyas, numerous bird-shaped buildings,
 many palaces and mansions of divers kinds of work, many open
 119 halls, numerous temples of gods, divers kinds of towers, many
 120 rows of beautiful houses, numerous streets, well arranged gates
 on the four sides thereof, and beautiful squares and courtyards.

121 Thus did he make the city of Pulatthi like unto the city of
 Indra, so that (by the magnificence thereof) it surpassed Mithila,
 discomfited Kañci, laughed at Sávatthi, vanquished Madhurá,
 despoiled Báránasi, robbed even Vésáli, and made the city of
 Campá to tremble.

Thus endeth the eighty-eighth chapter, entitled "The Restoration of the City of Pulatthi," in the Mahávaṇṣa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER LXXXIX.

1 FTERWARDS the prince sent a messenger unto his father,
 saying, "This city of Pulatthi hath now been built as it
 was built aforetime, so that there may be in it all things

that are needful for a great city. It shineth also now with the greatness of wealth and prosperity. It surpasseth Jetuttara* and coveteth Ságala. And after it hath subdued Supsumáragiri will it deign to notice Sáketa? And lo! it also longeth to take Rájagaha captive. And having destroyed Sañkassa, it despiseth even Indapatta, and seeketh friendship only with Kapilavatthu. As Sakka, the chief of the gods, is to the city of Sakka, even so is the king, the chief of kings, to this city. Now, therefore, let it please the most mighty king to come hither and hold the feast of the coronation."

And when the king heard these tidings from the mouth of the messenger he was exceeding glad. And he surrounded himself with his army and proceeded in royal state and with great rejoicing from the city of Jambuddoñi to the chief city. And the prince Vijaya Báhu also went forth a league's distance (from the city) to meet the great king, and accompanied him into the royal city.

Then in that city he (the prince) caused the feast of the king's coronation to be held in due order for seven days, and made an end thereof. And he gave Vira Báhu the charge of that great country, who, after he had been installed in that prosperous city, went with the king his father to the city of Jambuddoñi that he might bring the relics of the Sage into the chief city.

And then he gathered the great body of the inhabitants of Lapká together, and made smooth the highway from the city of Jambuddoñi unto the noble city of Pulatthi, a distance of about five yojanas. And therein, at the distance of half a yojana from each other, he caused excellent resting places to be built, ornamented with gay flags, rows of plantain trees, arches and the like. And when he had placed the two relics of the great Sage, the Tooth and the Alms-bowl, on a stately chariot, gorgeous and beautiful as a chariot of heaven, he issued forth from the great city of Jambuddoñi with a great company of priests ministering around the grand and auspicious chariot of the relics, like a host of Brahmas around the great chariot of Brahma. And the magnificence of the procession was much increased by a great concourse that were appointed to perform divers duties, and who went before and after it, shouting *Sídhu* continually, and bearing in order parasols of gold with pendants of pearls, golden chowries wrought with pearls,

* This and others that follow are the names of famous ancient cities in Hindustan.

pots made of gold and silver, fans of gold and silver, vases of gold and silver, chanks wrought with gold and silver, caskets of gold and silver resting upon stands of gold and silver, basins of gold and silver, mirrors wrought with gold and silver, bracelets wrought and ornamented with gold and silver, horses of gold and silver, elephants of gold and silver, and lamps, candlesticks and
25 the like of gold and silver. And rows of noble elephants accompanied it, covered with the trappings of elephants ; rows also of
26 excellent horses ornamented with all the trappings of horses ; and companies of mighty men of valour, arrayed in the ornaments of
27 strong men and armed with divers weapons ; and rows of princes and ministers adorned with divers ornaments and arrayed in
28 gay apparel. And those who desired to gain merit followed it shouting : “ Oh, this is good ! Oh, this is good ! Oh, this is good ! ”
29 And many devoted men and women, who led a pure life, ranged
30 themselves around it, bearing offerings and flowers, and pressed on to the front without hindrance, vieing with each other, saying,
31 “ I will be the foremost.” And the shouts and cries of the lusty
32 guards of the palace, as they smote each other (in sport) like unto men engaged in fight with each other, filled the place with
33 a tumult. And the music of the players playing on the five kinds of instruments, the delightful sounds whereof spread
34 through all the quarters of the land, added beauty thereto. Bards who sang songs of joy, and minstrels who praised the glories of
35 their king continually, were present thereat. And trained dancers of divers kinds attended it with great zeal, whose dancing and
36 singing it was a pleasure both to see and to hear. And he maintained this great display without confusion, and brought up the
37 procession along the highway adorned for the purpose ; and as he came in due course to each resting place that was prepared beforehand, he placed the relics there and performed great
38 ceremonies ; and setting forth again in due order from one resting place to the other, he brought up the relics of the great Sage to the chief city of the king.

39 Then the prince made the whole city a scene of great feasting and rejoicing ; and at a lucky hour on a lucky day, when the stars
40 and the planets were favourable, he placed the two relics, with
41 great reverence, on the great throne adorned with divers gems, in the ancient temple of the relics—a temple which was the noblest of temples, and which was as goodly as the palace of the king of the
42 gods in the magnificence of its adorning. From that time forth the prince made thereto offerings, that increased daily, of the four

kinds of perfumes ; of excellent incense ; of divers kinds of flowers, 43
 such as *punnāga*, *nīga*, *pūga*, and the like ; of lamps without
 number, that burned with precious camphor ; of rows of torches 44
 wet with perfumed oil ; of dishes of fine rice boiled in sweet milk ;
 of boiled, sweet-smelling rice in a heap like the top of Mount 45
 Kelasa ; and of all kinds of food, hard and soft and such as could
 be sucked or drunk up. And the wise prince maintained this 46
 great feast of the relics, to which the minds of all men were
 drawn, with the blowing of conch-trumpets, for three months,
 before he made an end thereof.

And after this the prince determined with himself, saying 47
 “ The ceremony of Ordination will I cause to be performed at
 Sahassatittha without fault or blemish.” And to that end he first 48
 sent the prince Vīra Bāhu thither, and caused him to build many 49
 thousands of beautiful dwelling places for priests, and a large and
 lofty building also, supported on sixty pillars, shining with
 decorations of divers kinds and ornamented with arches made of
 coloured cloth. And when all the four monastic requirements 50
 and divers other things needful for the feast of the Ordination were
 got ready ; when all the Vannian princes of divers countries in 51
 Patitṭhā, Rohana, and elsewhere had brought, with all respect, alms
 of provisions for the use of the great priesthood, such as many 52
 kinds of fish, flesh, and the like, with various condiments and loads 53
 of rice, and milk, curd, ghee, honey, treacle, sugar, candied sugar,
 and the like,—then did the prince Vijaya Bāhu proceed thither 54
 and send an invitation by messengers to all parts, saying, “ Lo!
 we are about to hold a feast of Ordination. Now, therefore, 55
 such monks as are well-disposed towards us—be they great elders,
 middle elders, or juniors—let them, even all of them, endeavour 56
 to come to Sahassatittha.” Hearing these tidings, all the 57
 multitude of ascetics who dwelt at Tambapanni rejoiced and were
 exceeding glad ; and they all departed, each from his monastery, 58
 leaving none behind them, not even a priest in charge of the stores.
 And the great monks came, all prepared, in due course, to 59
 Sahassatittha, and assembled themselves together without delay.
 And the prince beheld Sahassatittha again and again, and lo ! it 60
 was filled with monks ; and his mind was thus set at ease. Then 61
 did the lord of the land treat the great priesthood full well with
 dainty meat and drink of the best kind. And he held a great 62
 feast at Sahassatittha, and made offerings daily. And he caused 63
 the priests who were set to officiate to perform the rite of Ordination
 on those who sought it, and held the feast of the Ordination for a

64 period of half a month. Afterwards he conferred dignities and
 65 offices, such as Mahásámi-pada,* Múla-pada,† Maháthera-pada,‡
 Parivenáthera-pada,§ and the like, on such monks who made
 66 the religion to shine brightly, and were worthy of them. The
 prince then gave them goodly gifts, as befitted a king, of the
 eight monastic requisites, to the value of a thousand pieces of
 67 money ; and to all the other monks also did he make gifts of
 monastic requisites of great value ; and many of the things that
 were left he sent to the priests of the Paṇḍu and Coḷa countries.
 68 And when he had fully accomplished the desire of his heart, he
 69 sent a messenger to the king his father, saying, “ Whatsoever
 merit hath been performed by me with a pure mind, hath been
 performed on behalf of the king my father.”

70 And when he had thus caused the rite of Ordination to be
 performed on many priests within the consecrated limit, that
 was defined without any fault, even the Uḍakukkhepa Símá,||
 at the broad ford of Sahassa in the Máháválíka river, he caused
 the religion of the Blessed Buddha that contained the nine kinds
 of scripture¶ to flourish gloriously.

71 And king Parakkama Báhu also, the greatest of kings, after
 he had placed the burden of government on his own son, and
 by him had performed a great amount of merit during a long
 period, departed for heaven in the five and thirtieth year of his
 reign.

Thus endeth the eighty-ninth chapter, entitled “ An Account
 of the Coronation and other Feasts,” in the Mahávaṇṣa,
 composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XC.

1 **A**ND when this king was dead his son, the prince Vijaya
 Báhu, reigned over the whole kingdom of Lapká. Now
 2 in the second year of his reign a certain man named
 Mitta, one of his generals, became a traitor. And as this wicked
 man lusted for the king's power he gained over a servant in the
 3 king's household, and by means of this servant whose heart he
 had deceived by bribes, he caused the king to be put to death

* The Great Lord. † The Chief. ‡ The Great Elder. § The Warden.

|| A space in a sheet of water, duly defined, for purposes of Ordination and other ecclesiastical functions.

¶ *Navāṅgikāṇ Śāsanāṇ.*

one night. And when the prince Bhuvaneka Báhu, the king's 4
 younger brother, heard these things he departed from the city of 5
 Jambuddoni and entered into a litter which was covered, for
 fear, and forthwith began to journey to the fortress of
 Subhácala. Thereupon the men whom Mitta, the wicked general, 6
 had bribed from the beginning, namely, the nine wicked and cruel 7
 brethren of the Munasíha family, straightway pursued after
 him and cruelly hurled their pointed weapons against the 8
 carriage of the prince with so great fury that the bands and
 trappings of the litter were all cut away. Thereupon he leaped out 9
 from the carriage to the ground and proceeded with great haste
 to the village Kálagalla without fear. There he took him an 10
 excellent elephant out of the stall in which elephants are tied,
 and mounted him and continued his flight, and after that he had 11
 crossed the great river Kolabhinna, which was then in flood,
 he escaped to the selfsame Subha-pabbata.

Then Mitta, the general, entered the palace of the great king 12
 at Jambuddoni; and there, with wicked intent, he sat on the 13
 beautiful throne and showed himself to all the people, arrayed in
 the king's robes and ornaments. After that all the ministers 14
 who had espoused his cause gathered themselves together, and
 supported each other, saying, "The allegiance of the whole army, 15
 both of them that are born in the country and of the stranger,
 shall we secure altogether by a liberal payment of their wages."
 And when they had resolved thus, they began first to give wages 16
 to the strong men of the A'ryan warriors, at whose head was
 Thakuraka. But they refused to accept thereof, saying, "We 17
 have always been regarded worthy of trust; and it is indeed 18
 the soldiers of the Siphalese whose allegiance should first be
 bought with their pay, and whom you should always satisfy by
 every means in your power." Thereupon the ministers answered 19
 and said, "Be it so"; and when they had caused all the soldiers
 of the Siphalese to be paid they asked them (the strange soldiers)
 to accept their wages also. But they all refused a second time, 20
 saying, "Let our wages be given to us afterwards: we shall not
 take it now." Nevertheless the ministers continued to press 21
 them hard in every way with reasons why they should accept
 their wages. Whereupon all the seven hundred A'ryan warriors 22
 rose up in a body, saying, "We shall speak (all the words that
 we wish) in the presence of the king; and so they went up to the 23
 king's palace. But when they saw Mitta, the general, seated on
 the throne there, they stood before him and did reverence to him

24 for a moment. Then Thakuraka, a brave warrior, gave a sign to
 25 his comrades, and straightway drew out his sharp sword, and cut
 off the head of the general in an instant and cast it on the
 ground.

26 Thereupon there was a great uproar in the city ; and all the
 Sinhalese soldiers who were powerful gathered themselves to-
 27 gether and asked the Aryan warriors wherefore they had done
 28 this unlawful thing. And they replied, saying, " We have done
 this in obedience to the command of Bhuvaneka Báhu who is
 29 now at Subha-pabbata." Thereupon all the warriors, both
 Aryans and Sinhalese, joined themselves together, saying, " Be
 30 it so." Then they brought the chief prince, Bhuvaneka Báhu,
 from the city of Subhácala to the city of Jambuddoṇi, and
 anointed him king over the kingdom with great honour.

31 Thenceforth the king secured the allegiance of both the armies
 32 by giving them their wages and other gifts. And he drove away
 all his Tamil foes, as Kálinga Ráyar, Coḷagaṅga, and the others
 33 who had landed from the opposite coast, and also removed the
 Sinhalese Vannian princes Kadaliváta, Mápána, Tipa, Himiyá-
 34 naka, and others. And when he had delivered Laṅká from the
 enemies who were like thorns thereto, he dwelt in the city of
 35 Jambuddoṇi for a few years, and went from thence to the city of
 Subhácala, and caused that royal city to be greatly extended and
 adorned so that it shone with exceeding great beauty, and him-
 self dwelt there.

36 And the king gained the love of all his subjects by his just
 rule, and he became righteous and exceeding devoted to religion.
 37 The ruler of men caused all the three Piṭakas to be written by
 learned scribes of the scriptures, and rewarded them liberally,
 38 and placed those books in the divers vihāras of Laṅká, and thus
 39 spread the Páli Scriptures throughout the land. Many a time
 also did the lord of the land cause the feast of the Ordination
 of priests, which is a blessing to the world, to be held with great
 40 pomp and splendour : and thus did he cause the religion of the
 Sage to extend and to flourish,—a religion which is most glorious,
 and which should be adored by all the inhabitants of the three
 41 worlds. He made also great offerings daily to the Tooth-relic,
 and ministered to the priesthood with the four things that are
 42 needful for monks. In this manner did he do good while he yet
 dwelt at Subhagiri ; and when he had governed the kingdom for
 eleven years he also departed this life for heaven.

43 And there arose a famine in the land. Then the five brethren

who governed the Pandian kingdom sent to this island, at the head of an army, a great minister of much power who was a chief among the Tamils, known as Ariya Cakkavatti, albeit he was not an Ariya.* And when he had landed and laid waste the country on every side he entered the great and noble fortress, the city of Subhagiri.† And he took the venerable Tooth-relic and all the solid wealth that was there, and returned to the Pandian country. And there he gave the Tooth-relic unto the king Kulasekhara, who was even like unto a sun expanding the lotus-like race of the great Pandian kings.

Then the prince Parakkama Báhu, son of that Vijaya Báhu who was surnamed Bodhisatta, and grandson of that great and powerful king Parakkama Báhu (the second), raised the canopy of dominion—that delightful emblem of noble kings, by reason of its cooling shade. It was like unto a cloud that was intended to shelter the people of Laṅkā from their scorching affliction, and like unto the orb of the moon on the day that she is full. And now he began to consider within himself by what means he would be able to get back the Tooth-relic of the great Sage, which all his ancestors before him had adored, from the Paṇḍu country whither it had been taken. And when he saw that there was none other means save conciliation, the lord of the land proceeded with a certain number of crafty and strong men, and went up to the Paṇḍu country, and presented himself before the king of Paṇḍu. And he pleased him exceedingly every day by his pleasant conversation, so that he obtained the Tooth-relic from the king's hands. And he returned therewith to the island of Laṅkā, and placed it in the old temple of the Tooth-relic at the noble city of Pulatthi.

And the lord of the land took up his abode there, and began to reign over the kingdom, and transgressed not the laws of Manu. And he made offerings every day to the Tooth-relic, and was diligent in gaining much merit. He ministered to the priesthood with robes and other requisites; and when he had thus advanced the prosperity of the church and the kingdom he yielded to the power of death.

* He being a Draviḍa or Tamil, had no right to the name of Ariya or A'rya.

† The names Subha-pabbata, Subhācala and Subhagiri are all meant for the city of Yápuwa—*pabbata*, *acala*, and *giri* being synonyms for a mountain. Subha-pabbata would mean "the beautiful mountain," and so would the Sinhalese *Yahapau*, contracted to Yápu.

- 59 Then the prince Bhuvaneka Báhu, son of Bhuvaneka Báhu
 the lord of the city of Subhácala,* became king at Hatthisela-
 60 pura.† And this chief of men who desired to gain merit and
 was devoted to works of charity and other good deeds, made
 provision for the supply of alms daily to one thousand priests.
 61 The king celebrated the feast of his Coronation every year in a
 62 manner worthy of the dignity of a king, and then held a festival
 of Ordination in the month of Jeṭṭhamúla (June-July) with
 great rejoicings, and thus shed light on the religion of the
 63 Conqueror. And when he had performed these and many other
 meritorious works of a like kind in divers ways, he yielded
 himself to the law of mutability in the second year of his reign.‡
 64 Thereupon his highborn son, Parakkama Báhu, a wise and
 65 mighty prince, was crowned king in that noble city. And as he
 had a great love for the three Sacred Objects, he assembled the
 priests together and caused the rite of Ordination to be performed
 many times.
- 66 Afterwards the king caused a three-storied temple of the Tooth-
 67 relic, of great beauty, to be built within the courtyard of the

* I. e., Bhuvaneka Báhu the First who was the son of Parakkama Báhu the Second and the brother of Bodhisatta Vijaya Báhu (IV.), whom he succeeded. It was he who enlarged and adorned the city of Subhácala or Yápa. Hence the epithet.

† Kurunégala.

‡ The editors of the revised text note that some books contain a different reading of verses 57-63, and give the passage (which is unfortunately imperfect) in a foot-note. It runs thus :—"And it came to pass that the king (Parakkama Báhu III.) began to imagine constantly that the prince Bhuvaneka Báhu, son of Bhuvaneka Báhu the lord of Subhácala, would endeavour to take the kingdom. So, at one time, he commanded the king's barber to go with the king's servants and scoop out the eyes of that prince, albeit he was his own brother (cousin). Thereupon the barber went and on him." (Here follows a gap, and after that a portion of a word which reads *kundard*, followed by another gap.) "The king celebrated the feast of his Coronation in a manner worthy of the dignity of a king; and after that he held a feast of Ordination in the month of Jeṭṭhamula (June-July) with great rejoicings, and shed light on the religion of the Conqueror. He gave the eight things that are needful to the monks, in great number, and Kaṭhina robes also to many priests." (Then follows verse 63 and the rest.) The editors have adopted the reading embodied in the text as the genuine one; and, indeed, they could not help doing so, as that narration is consecutive and unbroken. But there are, I think, strong grounds for suspicion that the broken narrative is the original, and that it has been tampered with subsequently with the object of suppressing the revelation of some disgraceful incident in the life of Parakkama III., the son of the pious and humane "Bosat Vijaya Bahu," who was the idol of his people. It would, however, be necessary to examine the palm-leaf manuscripts before pronouncing a decided opinion.

king's palace, with beautiful walls and pillars and paintings, surmounted with spires of gold and adorned with door panels also of gold. And he covered the ceiling thereof with cloths 68 of silk and the like, of divers colours, which was adorned 69 with beautiful chains of gold and of silver and of pearls, hung on every side. And when he had fixed a beautiful curtain-wall of silk, he raised a splendid throne and overlaid it 70 with exquisite coverings. And this covering he adorned all 71 round with rows of vases of gold and silver, and rows of ornamented candlesticks of gold and silver. And then, with great 72 reverence, he placed thereon the casket of the Tooth-relic and the 73 casket of the Bowl-relic, and commenced to hold daily, in a worthy 74 manner, great rejoicings in connection with the relic feast of the 75 Teacher. It was a feast that delighted the world,—smelling with the perfumes of divers flowers and the incense of smoking censers; served with all kinds of meat and drink; pleasing the ear with the joyous music played on the five kinds of instruments, and made pleasant by the songs and the dances of divers players.

And he made offerings to the Tooth-relic of houses and lands, of 76 men servants and maid servants, and of elephants, oxen, buffaloes, and the like. And he thought within himself, saying, "Hence- 77 forth let the same ceremonies be observed daily, in regard to the Tooth-relic, as were observed towards the Supreme Buddha while he yet lived"; and of his own free will he wrote a book in the 78 Sinhalese language, expounding the same, called "The Ceremo- 79 nial of the Tooth-relic";* and he caused the rites to be performed to the relic daily according to the tenor thereof.

Moreover, the king appointed to the office of king's teacher a 80 certain great elder from the Chōḷian country, who was a self- 81 denying man, and conversant with many languages, and skilled in the science of reasoning and religion. And he read all the Jātakas with him, and constantly heard them expounded, and learnt them all, keeping in mind their signification also. There- 82 after he translated in due order all those beautiful Jātakas, five 83 hundred and fifty in number, from the Pāli language into the Sinhalese tongue. And he caused them to be read in the midst 84 of an assembly of great elders who were conversant with the three Piṭakas; and when he had purged them of faults and caused them to be transcribed, he spread them abroad throughout the whole of Laṇkā.

85 And afterwards he invited a certain elder of great learning
 86 named Medhañkara, and gave the charge to him of these Jātakas,
 so that they might be preserved in the line of succession of his
 pupils. And he built a pariveṇa also for him after his (the
 87 king's) name, and caused the four villages Purānagāma, Sannī-
 rasela, Labujamaṇḍaka, and Moravañka to be given to him.

88 At Titthagāma Vihāra,* where the great Vijaya Bāhu built a
 89 temple, five and forty cubits long, which had gone altogether to
 90 decay, this king, Parakkama Bāhu, built a fine two-storied temple,
 thirty cubits long, with tall spires, and then gave that building,
 91 as it shone with divers paintings, to the great and venerable
 92 elder Kāyasatthi who dwelt in the pariveṇa called Vijaya Bāhu.
 He also gave, for the benefit of that pariveṇa, a village named
 93 Sālaggāma, near the bank of the river Gimha;† and in that
 delightful village of Titthagāma he formed a grove with five
 thousand cocoanut trees.

94 Then at Devapura‡ he caused a long two-storied image-house
 to be built with two exquisite doors, containing a sleeping image
 95 (of Buddha), and caused the surrounding grove and the village
 Gaṇṭhimāna§ to be dedicated to Buddha.

96 At Valliggāma Vihāra|| he caused a two-storied temple to be
 built, which was named Parakkama Bāhu, after his own name;
 97 and the lord of the land made it the common property of the
 great priesthood, and dedicated thereto a large village called
 Sāligiri¶ for its maintenance.

98 Nigh to the town of Rājaggāma,** in the fine village of Viddu-
 magāma, he built the excellent vihāra, Sirighanānanda, consisting
 99 of a pariveṇa, a Bodhi and an image-house, and gave it to
 his teacher, the great elder who came from the Cholian
 country.

100 Afterwards in that pleasant country called Māyādhana,†† he
 101 built a new city with fine walls and gates, and erected a beauti-
 ful devālaya there. It had a tall spire and two stories, and
 102 was surrounded by a wall with gates. Therein he placed an

* Totagamuwa Vihāra.

† Gij-ganga.

‡ Dewundara or Dondra Head.

§ Geṭamāma.

|| Veligama Vihāra.

¶ Elgiriya.

Ratgama.

†† The country round about Sitāvaka

image of the lotus-coloured king of the gods,* and made great offerings thereto. And when he had thus done much good to the kingdom and the church, and had performed many deeds of merit, he yielded himself up to the power of death. 103

He who had the power of merit that was heaped up in former births, devoted himself to that which tended to his own good and the good of others, and cast off the love of uncertain riches, and thus did all things that were meritorious. O ye good men, who value faith, think of that which tends to your own welfare; think of the mutability of all things, and lay up for yourselves treasures by doing good, the chief of which is charity and piety.† 104

After his death there was a king named Vanni Bhuvaneka Báhu, and after him Jaya Báhu, a very powerful king. And after the death of these two kings there reigned a fourth ruler of men bearing the name of Bhuvaneka Báhu, who was a man of great wisdom and faith, and a mine of excellent virtues; and he dwelt in the delightful city of Gaṅgásiripura,‡ near the Mahávaluka river. He who attends to the order of succession should note that in the fourth year of this king's reign there passed one thousand eight hundred and ninety four years from the Nibbána of the Sage. 105 106 107 108 109

The kings of old who lived at a time when Buddha's religion flourished, which is a time that is hard to be met with, were constantly diligent in the exercise of every virtue, such as charity and the like. Remembering this, do ye also perform meritorious deeds in a worthy manner. 110

Thus endeth the ninetieth chapter, entitled "The Narrative of Eight Kings commencing from Vijaya Báhu," in the Mahávaṃsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

Vishnu.

† This seems to be the proper conclusion of the chapter, ending as it does, like all the preceding chapters, with a hortatory verse composed in a different metre to the *Anushṭup*, the metre employed in the composition of the narrative itself. The remaining five verses must have been added by some subsequent writer who, from lack of material or noteworthy incident, merely made a record of the names of the three kings who followed Parakkama Báhu IV. The occurrence of three errors in the space of five verses strengthens our supposition that they were added at a later period, when literature was in a state of decay and literary composition became faulty and imperfect, as will be seen on reference to the remaining chapters of the Mahávaṃsa. See *supra* chap. XCIX., vv. 77-82 and note thereon.

‡ Gaṅḍapola

CHAPTER XCI.

1 **A**ND after the death of (Bhuvaneka Báhu IV.) there
 reigned two kings in that selfsame city (Gaṅgásiripura),
 namely, Parakkama Báhu (V.) and the wise Vikkama
 Báhu (III.).

2 Now, in the time of the king Vikkama Báhu there was a
 3 mighty prince of great wisdom, Alagakkonára by name ; and he
 4 dwelt in the beautiful and famous city of Perádoṇi,* which is on
 the banks of the river Mahoru-gaṅgá.† And he was endued with
 majesty and faith and such like virtues, and desired greatly to
 promote the welfare of the church and the kingdom.

5 It was told by them of old time, saying, "There is a city,
 Kalyáni by name, that shineth with its temples and Bodhis and
 excellent walks ; its ramparts, walls, image-houses, and Cetiya's ; its
 6 fine market places ; and its superior gates and arches." And the
 great Sage, moreover, visited this city of Kalyáni that was so
 greatly praised. On the southern side thereof, and nigh unto the
 village Dárúrugáma, which contained a large pond, and was a
 7 goodly place, wherein dwelt men of great wisdom and virtue, he
 built the famous city of Jayavaddhana-kotṭa, and adorned it with
 rows of great ramparts and gates and towers.

8 And this great man dwelt in that city ; and being desirous of
 acquiring merit, he did much good, such as the advancement of
 religion and the like.

9 And this man became king in that city by the name of
 10 Bhuvaneka Báhu V. And as he was full of faith, he made
 offerings always to Buddha and the other Sacred Objects with great
 devotion, and gave alms daily, and other gifts, in abundance to
 the priesthood. And that he might advance the welfare of the
 11 church, he assembled the priests together, and after that he had
 made inquisition he caused the robes to be taken off from them
 that were wicked, and showed favour unto them that behaved
 themselves well, and gave them courage ; and thus did he make
 12 the religion of the Conqueror to shine brightly. And he caused a
 casket to be made of seven thousand pieces of silver, and placed
 the Tooth-relic therein, and made offerings thereto with great
 13 devotion. And when he had reigned twenty years his days were
 numbered, and his own mother's son, Vira Báhu by name,

* Pérádeniya.

† Mahaveḷi-gaṅga.

succeeded to the throne ; and he also, in like manner, did all that 14
tended to the welfare and prosperity of religion, and yielded
himself up to the King of Death.

Thereafter, in the one thousand nine hundred and fifty-third 15
year after the Parinibbāna of the blessed Buddha, the king 16
Parakkama Báhu (VI.), who was indeed a temple of wisdom and
courage, and born of the Race of the Sun, came to govern the
great and glorious kingdom in the lovely city of Jayavaddhana,
and began devoutly to make offerings to the Three Gems. This 17
lord of the land built for the Tooth-relic of the great Sage a
beautiful three-storied temple, delightful to behold. And he made 18
a casket of gold, inlaid with the nine precious gems,* and covered it
with another casket of gold inlaid with precious stones shining
with divers rays ; and this also he enclosed in another golden
casket that he had made. Moreover, he made a great and 19
excellent casket gilt with gold of the first and most beautiful
kind ; and as the king was desirous of being happy as long as life
lasted, and even after it had ceased,† he deposited the tooth
within the four caskets. And when he remembered all the great 20
feasts celebrated in Laṅkā by the kings who were devoted in
truth to the noble religion of the Supreme Buddha, he bethought
him, saying, " I also shall not be slow to make offerings, but
will do so, in like manner, from the profits of this kingdom." And
when he had reflected in this wise, he made offerings to the 21
relics, in the fullness of faith, by every means in his power. And
he caused alms to be given daily unto the priesthood together with
the eight things necessary for monks, and celebrated a feast every
month. To the priests of the three countries‡ he caused the gift 22
to be given of the Kaṭhina robe yearly, and a great almsgiving 23
and robes to be given every year. Thus did this king of great
renown and virtue heap up merit.

And at the village Pappatakānana§ the wise king built, for the 24
benefit of his mother, the Sunettá Pariveṇa|| and called it after
her name ; and he also made an A'rāma for the priesthood, and 25
dedicated much land thereto. And he caused a store of provisions 26
to be laid there, so that alms might be given sumptuously for

* *I. e.*, pearl, ruby, topaz, diamond, emerald, lapis-lazuli, coral, sapphire and
gomedu, which last is supposed to be a variety of agate.

† *I. e.*, during the course of transmigration and in Nirvána.

‡ *Ruhuna*, *Pihiti*, and *Máyá*.

§ *Pepiliyána*.

|| Better known by the name of *Sunetrádevi Pariveṇa*.

three days to the priesthood who had come from the three countries to celebrate the dedication, and heaped up merit in great abundance.

27 And he caused a copy of the excellent three Piṭakas to be made together with their Aṭṭhakathá and Tíká, and encouraged
28 the religion of Buddha. He also granted lands and possessions to the scribes, so that they might devote their time daily to the
29 writing of sacred books only. He caused repairs also to be made at Mahiyaṅgana and other shrines in divers places, and plastered
30 them. Likewise also at the Gaḍaláḍoṇi A'rāma, Lanakátilaka, and other places, he caused plastering and all other needful
31 work to be done. And on many occasions did he cause the rite of ordination to be performed with great feasts and great rejoicings.

32 And this chief of men, after that he had taken upon himself the burden of government, performed many acts of merit
33 throughout a period of fifty and two years, during which he gave away twenty-six thousand one hundred and forty suits of robes
34 and other things necessary for monks. And this wise king, being full of faith, bestowed two and thirty Kaṭhina robes on the priest-
35 hood. And as he rejoiced in the three Sacred Objects and made the religion of the Conqueror as though it were altogether his own, he spent money beyond measure and performed various acts of merit.

36 And as he was endued with faith, wisdom, and loving-kindness, and was a jewel of virtue, he knew the vanity of riches that are gotten, and therefore occupied himself diligently in good works. Knowing this, do ye, who desire your own good and rightly understand and seek after happiness as long as life lasteth and when it ceaseth, acquire to yourselves an abundance of the merit that conferreth blessings in divers ways.

Thus endeth the ninety-first chapter, entitled "A Description of Four Kings commencing from Parakkama Báhu," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XCII.

1 **A**ND when he was dead his grandson, Jaya Báhu,* became
king; but Bhuvaneka Báhu (VI.)† slew him and ascended
2 the throne. And he reigned seven years after he was
3 anointed king. After the death of that king, Parakkama Báhu,

* Vira Parákrama Báhu according to the Rájávali.

† Sapumalkumárayá, son of Parákrama Báhu VI., according to the Rájávali.

who was known as the Pandit* because of his great learning, became king in that beautiful city. And after him there reigned a king by name Vira Parakkama Báhu,† and after him the prince Vijaya Báhu, who was adorned with many virtues, became king; and on his death there reigned a king named Bhuvaneka Báhu (VII.). And these kings advanced the prosperity of the church and the kingdom, according to their faith and ability, and went the way of their deeds.

And when two thousand and eighty-five years were passed after the Parinibbána of the Supreme Buddha, a certain Vira Vikkama, born of the race of Sirisañghabodhi, an exceeding mighty man, became king in the city of Señkhañḍasela Sirivaddhana,‡ a city that was surrounded by the river Mahávaluka as if by a trench. And this king took up his abode there, and gained the heart of his people by the practice of the four kingly virtues,§ and began to perform meritorious acts with devotion.

He removed the (Bowl) relic of the great Sage to a spot of ground not far from his palace, of great beauty, and built a Cetiya there; and also an enclosure nigh unto it, with a two-storied house, for holding the Uposatha service. And around the city he built eighty and six houses with tiled roofs for the priesthood, and caused the priests to dwell therein. And he ministered to them and hearkened to the preaching of the sacred doctrines of the Conqueror. He celebrated a great feast and hearkened devoutly to about fifty and five discourses that were read throughout the whole night. He caused (sacred) books to be written on thirty thousand (palm) leaves, and made offerings to the three Piṭakas of about sixty thousand (pieces of money). And he caused a hundred and eighty images to be made of the Supreme Buddha, and a hundred and forty caskets also to hold his relics; and thus did he lay up a heap of merit. And he proceeded from his own city on foot, and journeyed about seven leagues in the course of one day; and after that he had celebrated a great feast with divers perfumes and flowers, lamps, incense, and the like, he worshipped the shrine at Mahiyañgana.

* Pandita Parákrama Báhu, adopted son of Bhuvaneka Báhu, according to the Rájávali.

† Brother of Bhuvaneka Báhu VI.—Rájávali.

‡ Kandy.

§ *Catu-sanggha-catthau*. Childers renders this phrase by "elements of popularity," and correctly defines it as "largesse or liberality, affability, beneficent rule, and impartiality." See his Dictionary *s.v.* *Sanggha*.

18 And the ruler of men went to Sumanakūṭa in one day, and
 19 worshipped the sacred shrine there after that he had poured one
 hundred pots of oil into the lamp, the circumference whereof was
 fifteen cubits and the height five cubits.

And as he had set his heart on the noble road (that leadeth to
 20 deliverance) he repaired the difficult highway (to the Peak) ; and
 for the comfort of the pilgrims that passed and repassed it he
 caused steps to be built therein of seven hundred and eighty
 21 stones. And when he had thus performed numerous acts of
 merit in divers ways, the lord of the land determined to hold a
 22 feast of Ordination. And he caused many houses to be erected
 on the banks of the river, and brought thither priests who dwelt
 23 in the three countries. And when the wise king had made great
 24 offerings to them, he invited five and thirty of their number, the
 chief of whom was the great elder Dhammakitti (to form them-
 25 selves into a body for performing the office). And after that he
 had chosen three hundred and fifty and five good men of
 good families, he caused them to be ordained amidst great
 rejoicings.

Now (in the days that were past), a certain king of Pāṭaliputta,
 26 Mahāsena by name, was not satisfied with feeding one thousand
 27 priests daily, but was moved by a nobler desire, and determined
 upon giving alms with the substance that he gained honestly.*
 So he gave up the splendours of the kingly office and proceeded
 28 (in disguise) to the city of Northern Madhurā ; and after that he
 had worked there for wages, and gotten himself substance, he
 gave alms therewith faithfully.

And when this wise king, who delighted in clean gifts,† had
 29 heard (this story) he formed a rice-field with the labour of his
 own body, and gave alms in a suitable manner with the rice that
 was obtained therefrom.

And as he took pleasure in the three Sacred Objects he made
 offerings of robes, two thousand and one hundred and eighty and
 31 two in number, and expended on account of meritorious works
 five hundred and eighty and seven thousand pieces of money.
 32 This ruler of men caused to be given away as gifts sixty and two
 elephants and horses, and four hundred and fifty head of oxen

* *Vatthu-suddhiṃ karitvāna*, "having made the substance pure." The most meritorious of alms consists in the giving of that which has been honestly got, or obtained with the sweat of one's brow.

† Meaning, a gift of a thing honestly gotten.

and buffaloes. Thus did this king, who was a seeker after merit, 33
perform good deeds in divers ways and purify the road to heaven.

And as he was faithful and exceeding wise and devoted always 34
to the welfare of others, he knew the vanity of life and the things
of this life, and, therefore, performed in a suitable manner many
meritorious works that bring blessings in divers ways. And ye
who have a wholesome dread of the terrible sufferings of renewed
existence, know this, and ponder on that which abideth and that
which abideth not, and renounce the lust of the body and all the
pleasures thereof, and be diligent in the performance of good deeds.

Thus endeth the ninety-second chapter, entitled "An Account
of Seven Kings beginning with that of Jaya Báhu," in the Mahá-
váyasa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good
men.

CHAPTER XCIII.

NOW while this famous king (Víra Vikkama) reigned in 1
this manner, a number of (lesser) kings, born of the 2
Race of the Sun, lived in divers places at Jayavaddhana
and the like countries near the sea-coast; and among them there
was a certain king, Máyádhanu by name, who was a mighty
chief of men. Now he had a son named Rájasiha, who was an 3
exceeding cruel man. And he was wont to accompany his father
in his wars in divers places; and being puffed up with victory, 4
this great fool, in the wickedness of his heart, slew his father
with his own hand and took possession of the kingdom. And he 5
was known as Rájasiha of Sítávaka. And for some time he took
a delight in religion and performed meritorious acts. But one 6
day, the king, after that he had given alms to the priesthood,
was seized with fear, and inquired of the great elders, saying,
"How can I absolve myself from the sin of killing a father?"
Thereupon the learned elders expounded the doctrine to him; but 7
they could not satisfy the perverse mind of the wicked man.
And when he heard these words, saying, "The consequence of 8
a sin that hath been committed cannot be destroyed," he was
provoked to anger, like unto a serpent full of poison when it is
beaten with a stick. And he turned to the followers of Siva, and 9
inquired of them; and when he heard them say the words,
"It is possible," he drank them in as if they were nectar; and
then he smeared his body over with ashes and became a 10
worshipper of Siva. And after that he began to destroy the

religion of the Conqueror by slaying its priests and burning its
 11 sacred books and breaking down its temples; and thus did he
 bar the way that leadeth to heaven. He embraced heresy, and
 12 became like unto a thorn in the path of continued existence.* And
 he placed the ascetics of sin and heresy at Sumanakúta, that so they
 13 might take all the profits arising therefrom. Thus did this foolish
 and unrighteous man suffer much misery, because he knew not
 the path that he should have followed, but took the path that he
 should not.

14 Thereupon many priests stripped themselves of their robes
 through fear of the king. But those of them who feared the
 evils of renewed existence left their dwellings and went in divers
 ways.

15 And when the king had destroyed the religion of Buddha,
 which is the most spotless (in the whole world), and which alone
 tendeth to the happiness of all men, he reigned in this country
 16 by the power of his former merits. And, verily, this sinner did
 rule with a strong arm after that he had brought the whole
 island of Laṅká to subjection under him.

17 And this ruler of the land, although by his royal authority he
 had displayed the might of his power in the multitude of sins
 that he had committed, yet fell at the last into the hand of death.
 Hereby may wise men know the mischief that is wrought by
 those who are moved by the ignorance of sin and disbelief, and
 with fear avoid all temptation and do much good.

Thus endeth the ninety-third chapter, entitled "An Account
 of Two Kings commencing from Máyádhanu," in the Mahávaṇsa,
 composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XCIV.

1 **N**OW in that king's (Rájasiṅha's) reign a certain prince
 of Gaṅgásiripura, born of the race of the Sun, went
 2 down to the city of Kolamba;† but as it was not permitted
 3 him to remain there, he went to the city of Gova‡ and abode there
 for a long time. And there he killed (in a fight) a powerful and
 famous chief named Gaja Báhu, and was rewarded with many

* Meaning that he made existence more painful by depriving it of the
 sources from which hope could be derived.

† Colombo.

‡ Goa.

favours (for that valiant act).* And this wise prince knew his 4
time and returned to the island of Laṅkā, and received the
support of the inhabitants of Pañcuddha-rattha,† and became 5
very powerful. And after the death of him who had killed his
father, (Rājasinḥa), in the two thousand one hundred and thirty- 6
fifth year after the Nibbāna of the Sage, this faithful, virtuous
and powerful king ascended the throne in the city of Sirivaddhana 7
with the name of Vimāla Dhamma Suriya. And this famous
king built eighteen towers in divers places around the great city, 8
and united them with a high and thick rampart, and set guards
in them to defend the city from the enemy. And he freed the 9
whole kingdom of Laṅkā from danger, and took for his chief
queen a virgin of the like rank with himself. And after that he 10
was anointed king over the kingdom, this famous ruler, being
desirous of merit, set himself earnestly to advance the prosperity
of the church and the kingdom.

And when the ruler of men made inquiry and learned that 11
the tooth of the Supreme Buddha was preserved in the viḥāra 12
at Labujagāma,‡ in the district of Sapharagāma, he was exceeding
glad, and caused it to be brought to his beautiful city. And in 13
order that he might worship it daily and perform the ceremonial
thereto, the wise king caused a beautiful two-storied Relic-house 14
to be built on a beautiful piece of ground near the palace. And
he placed the tooth there and worshipped it always with great
devotion.

* The incident is narrated in the Rājāvalī as follows :—“ While he remained here Conappoo Bandara ” (afterwards Vimāla Dharma Sūrya), “ who had fled to Colombo, committed a crime, for which he was tried before Sallappoo Dharma Pawla Rajah and Captain Mohroe, and sent to Goa. When Conappoo had been in Goa about three years, it came to pass that he expressed a desire of getting an opportunity of fencing with a captain called Gajabāhu, which captain was so expert at fencing, that no person, not even the viceroy, durst approach his door without first laying aside his sword, for who dared even to approach the quarters of the said captain with a sword could not escape without fighting and getting killed. This desire of Conappoo Bandara having come to the ears of the viceroy, he sent for Conappoo and asked if he could fence well ; he answered, that he could fence ; and accordingly he girded on his sword, and went to the door of the great captain, and was immediately addressed by him with, “ Cingala, thou must not depart without fighting ; ” and, immediately, they both began to engage, but Conappoo cut the said Captain Gajabāhu in two pieces, on account of which valiant action several captains, and also the viceroy of Goa, conferred presents upon Conappoo.”—Upham's Rājāvalī, page 310.

† Lit. “ the five upper countries.”

‡ Delgamuwa.

15 And as there were no ordained priests throughout the whole
 island of Laṇkā he sent ministers to the country of Rakkhaṅga,
 16 and invited and brought over to this island Nandicakka and
 17 other priests. And he made them take up their abode in the
 beautiful city of Sirivaḍḍhana, where he ministered to them with
 kindness. Then he built a beautiful house in the Udakukhepa
 18 Sīmā at the ford Gaṇṭhamba* in the Mahāvāluka river; and,
 19 in the two thousand one hundred and fortieth year after the
 20 Nibbāna of the Sage, he conveyed the priests thither, and caused
 a great number of men of good families to be ordained in the
 midst of that great priesthood, and preserved the religion of the
 Supreme Buddha. He also caused many persons from good
 21 families to take the order of novitiates in the church, and minis-
 22 tered to them bountifully with the four things that were necessary
 for monks. And as he sought after merit he did much good in
 these and many other ways, and purged the road to heaven.

Afterwards the wise king caused his younger brother, who had
 23 put on the robes and entered the church, to disrobe himself, and
 after that he had placed him in charge of the kingdom he
 passed away according to his deeds.

24 Thus did this defender of the land, who was endued with the
 power of wisdom, perform many meritorious deeds, and display
 the might of his power by causing the religion of the Conqueror
 to flourish. Ever such an one, albeit that he was learned and
 rich in faith, submitted to death. Knowing this, therefore, let
 men lay to heart the uncertainty of this life and its evils, and
 be diligent in good works.

Thus endeth the ninety-fourth chapter, entitled "An Account
 of King Vimala Dhamma," in the Mahāvāṇsa, composed equally
 for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XCV.

1 **A**ND this king, Senāratna by name, who was anointed
 king over the land, was zealous in giving alms and
 2 doing other works of merit. He practised the four
 virtues of kings and gained the love of his subjects. And then
 he held a feast in honour of the Tooth-relic with great almsgiving.
 3 He raised his elder brother's own queen to the dignity of chief
 queen and took up his abode in the city.

* Geṭṭambe.

And it came to pass that in those days certain merchants 4
 traded in the port of Kolamba, and continued so for a long time 5
 till, in process of time, they waxed very strong. These men 6
 were called Parangis,* and were all of them wicked unbelievers, 7
 cruel, and hard of heart. And they entered into fruitful provinces 8
 and laid waste fields and gardens, and burned houses and villages, 9
 and ravished women of rank, and sorely troubled the Siphalese 10
 in this manner. They broke into towns and temples and image- 11
 houses, and destroyed Bodhi trees and images of Buddha, and 12
 such like sacred things. And they destroyed the country and 13
 the religion thereof, and built forts in divers places, and 14
 maintained continual warfare. 15

Thereupon the king, Senáratana, took the Tooth-relic to the 9
 country of Pañcasata and other places that abounded with 10
 fastnesses in forests, mountains, and rivers, and kept it in a place 11
 of safety, and caused the guardians of the relic also to abide in 12
 the same place. And when he had also made preparation for 13
 the performance of the ceremonial unto it, and secured the safety 14
 of the Tooth-relic, he left the city, taking with him his treasures 15
 that were of great value, and the sons of his royal elder brother, 16
 and his excellent queen,—a well-favoured and virtuous woman, 17
 who was then big with child—whom he conveyed carefully in 18
 a carriage,† and himself went to Mahiyangana. And while he 19
 yet dwelt in that city she bare him a glorious son, endued with 20
 marks of greatness, under a good and fortunate star. And on 21
 that day, at night, the leader of the enemy's army dreamed 22
 a terrible dream (and the dream was this). From the 23
 western side of that city there issued a spark which was at the 24
 first of the size only of a firefly; but it increased by degrees in 25
 size as it went on its course, till, when it reached the middle of 26
 the port at Kolamba, it waxed exceeding great and set everything 27
 on fire in a moment. And on that selfsame day (on which 28
 the prince was born) the enemy's hosts that had approached 29
 Sirivaddhana fled in great terror before his glory. And in 30
 process of time the child grew up like unto a second moon; 31
 and the king took great care of his son, and of everything else 32
 that belonged to him. And when he knew that the time was 33

* Portuguese.

† The Siphalese translators have rendered *yoggenu* by "in a befitting manner"; but I think *yoggan*, a carriage, is what is meant here. The queen being *enceinte* she had to be taken carefully in a carriage or conveyance.

20 come he took all his possessions and returned to the city of
 21 Sirivaḍḍhana. And when the sons of his elder brother and the
 son that was born to him had come to years of understanding,
 the ruler of men, whose heart melted with compassion towards
 them, divided his kingdom which was girded about with
 mountains and other fastnesses, and caused the division to
 be written down carefully on three (palm) leaves, and placed
 22 those three leaves near the relic of the tooth. And he took
 the princes thither, and caused them to take up each a leaf
 according to his choice. Then the country of U'va fell to the lot
 23 of Kumárasīha, the eldest prince; and the country of Mátalé to
 Vijaya Pála, in like manner; and the five upper countries to
 24 Rájasiha, the youngest. And when the king beheld the leaves
 25 that had been thus drawn, and saw the leaf for the five upper
 countries which had fallen to the lot of his own son, he was
 delighted, and predicted that he would be a great man. And the
 ruler of men then gave each of the princes the country that fell
 26 to his lot. And he reigned seven years, performing works of
 merit such as almsgiving and the like, and advanced the welfare
 of the church and kingdom according to his ability.

27 And when the lord of the land had thus divided the country
 and bestowed it with much affection on his own son and the
 others, that so they might take good care of Lapká and its
 religion, he yielded himself to death, which none can resist.

Thus endeth the ninety-fifth chapter, entitled "An Account
 of King Senáratna," in the Mahāvansa, composed equally for the
 delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XCVI.

NOW after that, as the time passed, these three rulers of
 men lived peaceably, each in his division, enjoying the
 pleasures of the kingdom and making war against the
 Paraṅgis; in the which they were victorious in divers places.
 But afterward the three royal brethren fell out, and were at variance
 with each other. And of these three, the famous Rájasiha de-
 throned his elder brethren and added their dominions to his own.
 Now when the eldest prince (Kumárasīha) was put to death by
 poison, the prince (Vijaya Pála), who was then at Mátalé, entered
 into a carriage and left the country; and, after that he had crossed
 the boundary he went to a foreign land, together with a certain man

whom he had taken (to do him service). Thus the remaining prince Rájasiha, an imperious man, whom none could approach or conquer, and brave as a lion, took possession of the whole country, even as his father had possessed it in the beginning. And he was courageous and brave in battle, and endued with great strength of body, as if the gods of the true faith had created him for the intent that he might advance the welfare of the land and the religion thereof.

Once, while he sported with young men, he rode a horse and went out with one who rode another. And as soon as the sign was given his horse ran along the course and sank in a miry place that was therein. Thereupon the brave and courageous prince leaped up from his horse to the back of the one that was coming behind him, and pushed down the rider thereof and rode away upon the back of his steed. Again, at the dangerous ferry called Suvannatthambha,* the mighty prince made a leap from the rock on this side the river, and safely reached the rock that was on the other side. And when he had thus displayed divers feats of strength, the celebrated king was desirous to advance the welfare of the church and the kingdom, and prepared materials of war and the like things in divers ways, and gathered together the Sīṃhalese who were ready for war. Then the gracious king, at a fortunate moment, set out from the city of Sirivaddhana, with elephants and horses and royal attendants ; with mighty men of valour and great officers of State and others ; with companies of fighting men armed with bows, swords, spears, and other weapons, and surrounded with drums and other instruments of music. And taking with him the sons of Buddha for the purpose of giving alms, and performing such like meritorious acts, the fearless king proceeded from place to place, sounding the drum of war as terrible as the sound of thunder. At the very beginning he fought a great battle with the enemy that had entered the country of Pañcuddha-raṭṭha, and slaughtered a great number of the wicked. And the ruler of men drove the vile and cruel enemy from their several positions, and broke up their camps, and gained the victory over them. And the enemy looked on this side and on that, how they might escape, and fled in great terror, and fell over great rocks, and leaped across the streams in the mountains. Like unto elephants when a lion getteth into their midst, or as a

tuft of cotton that is blown away by a gust of wind, even so did the enemy, stricken with fear, flee before the fearless king when he rushed into the field of battle. And when he had fought with the enemy in divers places and in manifold ways, he slew a great many of his foes and drove them before him. And he displayed his might by freeing each country from oppression as he took it, and caused even the enemy's forts to be destroyed.

But many of the enemy escaped, who were sorely oppressed with fear. And these wicked unbelievers lived quietly for a short time in their divers forts on the sea-coast, but soon began again to plunder the districts in their neighbourhood. And when Rájasiha, who was an imperious ruler, heard thereof he went again to Dighavápi in the eastern part of the country. And while he was there he heard of the Olandas ;* and he thought well of it, and, being skilful in the laws of Manu, he sent two ministers to their beautiful country, and persuaded that people to come hither in many ships. And when they had come to the sea-coast nigh unto Díghavápi, which was a rich, prosperous and populous district, he showed them much favour. And with the intent to display the strength of his Singhalese army, he ordered them quietly to watch while he fought with the enemy in the neighbourhood. And the ruler of men defeated and utterly destroyed the enemy and took their fortress, and gave it to the Olanda people, to whom he showed much favour, and pleased them exceedingly.

And from that time forth the chief of Lanjá, at the head of both armies,† began to carry on a war all around, by land and sea. He destroyed at divers places the forts that were protected by thick walls of stone, slaying the enemies that defended them ; and he utterly destroyed the enemy throughout the whole of Lanjá, and freed it from the oppression of those who had long established themselves therein, by building forts and fortifying them strongly. And he established the people of Olanda in places bordering the sea, that they might guard Lanjá and hinder the enemy. And when he had commanded that they should come to him every year with presents, the ruler of men brought away his forces, and entered his own city like the victorious Indra after the war with the Asuras. Thenceforth this chief of men, Rájasiha, dwelt securely. And he made careful inquiry

into the merits of those who were worthy of advancement, and bestowed offices, such as general and the like (on such as deserved them). And the wise king confirmed all the grants of 41 lands that had been dedicated to the service of Buddha and the gods, so that they might be held in like manner as before. And 42 after that he had brought royal maidens from the city of Madhurá (and made them his consorts) this mighty king governed the kingdom for fifty and two years.

In this manner did this excellent ruler of the land, Rájasiha, 43 who had great power, protect the religion of the royal Sage who was born of the Solar Race, and his kingdom also, even as he defended his own eye or his life ; and at last yielded himself to the king of death.

Thus this king, the lord of the land, who was mighty and skilful 44 in destroying the power of his enemies, nevertheless, prevailed not, even with all his strength, over death. Let the wise therefore take knowledge hereof, and, before death overtaketh them, be constant and diligent in doing good, such as giving alms and the like.

Thus endeth the ninety-sixth chapter, entitled "An Account of King Rájasiha," in the Mahávaṅsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XCVII.

AND after that his son Vimala Dhamma Suriya became 1 king. He was adorned with faith and the like virtues, and regarded the three Sacred Gems as his own. And 2 he took to wife the daughter of the queen who was brought from 3 Madhurá, and made her his chief queen. And this virtuous chief of men gained the love of his people by practising the four duties of kings, and governed the kingdom of Laṅkā with justice and equity.

And he took a delight in the religion of the Conqueror ; and 4 as soon as he was anointed king he began to make manifold preparations for keeping a feast in honour of the Tooth-relic. 5 He built a beautiful temple of three stories, that shone with exquisite workmanship of divers kinds, for the Tooth-relic of the great Sage, and caused a beautiful casket to be made of twenty- 6 five thousand pieces of silver, which he gilt and set with the nine 7

kinds of gems ; and in that large casket, which looked like a Cetiya of gems, he placed the tooth of the Conqueror.

8 And the lord of the land, being minded to celebrate a feast of
9 Ordination also, caused five hundred robes and other things
10 necessary for monks to be prepared and arranged separately (in
lots) ; the which, with other presents and a royal letter, he sent by
his able ministers to the country of Rakkhaṅga, and invited the
11 elder Santána to come hither with a body of priests. And he
brought hither thirty and three priests (from that country) and
caused them to take up their abode in the beautiful city of Siri-
vaḍḍhana, and ministered to them in a suitable manner with the
12 four necessities of a monk's life. And when he had built a
suitable house in the Udakukkhepa Sīmá at the ford of the river,
13 as it had been done before, he conducted the body of priests
thither, and caused thirty and three persons of good families to
14 be ordained, and thus shed light on the religion of the Conqueror.
He also caused one hundred and twenty persons to be invested with
15 the robe of the novitiate, and zealously ministered unto them with
the four necessities of a monk's life, and caused them to be instructed
in the sacred doctrines : and thus did he gain much merit also.

16 And as he believed that a pilgrimage *on foot* was an act of
17 great merit, he walked to the shrine at Sumanakūṭa, and
remained there for seven days, holding a great feast of offerings of
jewels, pearls, and the like precious things, and also of articles
of gold and silver, and of divers cloths, and the like things. And
18 he made an end of this great feast by covering with a large silver
umbrella the footprint which the great Sage had left on the top
19 of the mountain Sumanakūṭa. He also hearkened to the
preaching of the doctrine every day, and kept holy every Sabbath,
20 and thus gained much merit. In many such ways did this
seeker of merit, truly diligent by day and night, perform divers
21 good deeds. And when the king had, in this manner, encouraged
religion and conferred favours on the people, he lived
for twenty and two years and submitted unto death.

22 Thus did this good and wise man, who had a love for good
works, such as almsgiving and the like, give light to the religion
of the great and noble Sage, who is the only lord of the
world. Do ye also, therefore, constantly and diligently cause
that noble religion to shine forth.*

* This verse is superfluous. Many such occur in the course of these faulty chapters.

Then his son *Siri Vira-Parakkama Narinda-Sīha** became 23
king. He was a temple of wisdom and valour and virtue. And 24
to the intent that he might make the crown of *Lapka* certain, the
king procured royal maidens from *Madhurā* and made them his
chief queens. He performed works of merit, such as almsgiving 25
and the like, and made offerings daily to the Tooth-relic, and
thus acquired much merit. He continued to minister to the 26
priests who were ordained in the time of the king his father, and 27
caused many persons of good families to enter the priesthood as
novitiates, and favoured the cause of religion in sincerity.

And that he might worship the *Mahiyangana Cetiya* which 28
was built while *Buddha* yet lived, this powerful king went thither,
and after that he had made an offering to the *Cetiya* of divers
kinds of coloured cloths, he kept a great feast of offerings of 29
flowers made of silver and gold, and of flowers of plants that 30
grow on water and on dry land, of divers sweet-smelling flowers,
and of food, hard and soft, and such like things; and thus also
gained he much merit.

And he proceeded to that selfsame *Mahiyangana* on two
occasions, taking a great host with him, and kept great feasts. 31
The chief of men, moved thereto by faith, went also on two 32
occasions to *Sunanakūṭa*, and, after that he had made offerings
there, acquired much merit. And he took a great number of
followers with him and set out from the great city † and went to 33
the venerable city of *Anurādhapura*, and kept a great feast there.
And he caused a robe to be made, about the size of *Buddha's*
robe, and made an offering thereof to the Tooth-relic, with 34
divers (other) gifts suitable for offerings. 35

And this chief of men formed a suburb named *Kuṇḍasāla*,
nigh unto the chief city, in the large cocoanut grove hard by
the beautiful bank of the river; and while he yet dwelt there
he caused houses to be decently built in the same place, and 36
novitiates of the Order to take up their abode therein; and he
performed daily meritorious works, such as almsgiving and the 37
like, and caused books to be written also. And as he saw that 38
the temple of the Tooth-relic that the king his father had built
at the great city was decaying, his heart moved within him, and
he caused a fine two-storied building to be erected; the doors 39

* *Śrī Vira Parākrama Narendra Sīha*.

† *Mahāpura*. Kandy.

whereof were ornamented with exquisite workmanship of divers kinds, and the plaster work shone with exceeding brightness like
 40 a silver hill. And the roof thereof was ornamented. And on the walls of the two enclosures thereof he caused to be painted with exquisite art (the deeds of) these thirty-two Játakas; namely, the Vidura Játaka; the Guttilla and Unmagga Játakas;
 41 the Dadhiváhana, Mahakappha, Sutanu, and Chaddanta Játakas; the Dhammaddhaja, Dhammapála, and Mahájanaka Játakas;
 42 the Padamánava, Dhammasoṇḍa, and Mahá Nárada Kassapa Játakas; the Mahápaduma, Telapatta, and Cullapaduma Játakas;
 43 the Sattubhatta, Andhabhúta, Campeyya, and Sasa Játakas; the Visayha, Kusa, Sutasoma, Sivi, and Temiya Játakas; the
 44 Culla-Dhanuddhara and the Saccaykira Játakas; the Dhummedha Játaka; the Kálingabodhi Játaka; the Sílava Játaka; as
 45 also the Maṇḍabba Játaka; and the Vessantara Játaka. And thus did the chief of men acquire a heap of merit beyond measure.

47 And he raised for himself a monument of glory by building a
 48 wall enclosing the great Bodhi, the Cetiya and the Nátha
 49 Deválaya that stood in the middle of the city,—a wall of stone, thick, high and shining with plaster work, like unto a beautiful string of pearls adorning the neck of the city that was like unto a fair woman.

Now among the novitiate priests who lived at his time, there
 50 was a certain one distinguished by piety and good manners; constant in diligence, and conversant with the words of the
 51 Supreme Buddha and the divers interpretations thereof. He was, moreover, a poet, a preacher, and a controversialist; a teacher of great renown, and one who devoted his life to secure
 52 his own welfare and that of others; yea, he was one who showed
 53 himself in the religion of Laṅká like the moon in the sky. To this zealous novitiate, Saranaṅkara by name, who was a receptacle of faith and wisdom, the lord of the land did often make gifts,
 54 religious as well as temporal. He caused a casket to be made, one and a half cubits in height, to hold the relics of the great Sage—the Supreme Buddha, who is the only lord of the world;
 55 and he caused it to be gilt and set with seven hundred gems. And this dazzling casket, with the relics therein, and many
 56 sacred books also of the Law, did he present unto him (Saranaṅkara), and show him much favour. Moreover, the ruler of men presented unto him temporal gifts, such as robes and other things necessary for a monk, and numerous servitors.

And so that the doctrine may remain for a long time, the ruler of men desired that learned novitiate, who longed after purity 58 and the attainment of perfect knowledge, duly to compose the religious book named "Sárattha Saṅgaha," that consisted of eleven thousand *ganthas*;^{*} and a translation also into the Sinhalese language of the History of the great Bóddhi,[†] and a 59 translation (into Sinhalese) of the Bhesajja Mañjúsá, a book 60 that had been composed (in Páli), in the time of Parakkama 61 Báhu who reigned in the city of Jambuddoní, by the learned and 62 benevolent elder, the chief of the monks of the Pañca Pariveṇa, to the intent that all who strive to fulfil their religious duties might thereby become free from disease.

And this wise king, having thus done many meritorious things 63 and reigned thirty and three years, submitted to death.

And this king having enjoyed much glory in the beauti- 64 ful island of Laṅká, left all that (glory) behind, as he did his body and his kinsmen and friends, and went (the way of all flesh). Take due knowledge of this, therefore, ye worthy people : remember the exhortations contained in the words of the great Sage, and perform such good deeds as will bring happiness in heaven, and secure the supreme blessing of deliverance.

Thus endeth the ninety-seventh chapter, entitled "An Account of Two Kings commencing from Vimala Dhamma," in the Mahávaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

CHAPTER XCVIII.

AFTER that the younger brother of the queen of that same 1 king became king. He was adorned with virtue, and 2 was celebrated as Siri Vijaya Rájasíha. And after that he was anointed king he took a delight in the Three Gems, 3 and was constant in hearing the sacred doctrines. He was diligent and wise, and loved always to associate with good and 4 virtuous men. And that he might maintain the purity of his family he brought hither royal maidens from the city of 5 Madhurá and made them his queens. And he lived in that

^{*} *Gantha* generally means a book or composition ; but here it is meant for a certain quantity of syllables—thirty-two.—See Wilson's Sanskrit Dictionary *s. v.* *Grantha*. Also, an Anuṣṭup verse. See *Śabdastoma s. v.*

[†] *Mahá Bodhivaṇsa*.

beautiful city, and gained the hearts of all the people of Lapkā
 6 by practising the four duties of kings. And the queens also of
 this king renounced the false religion which they had long
 believed, and followed, as it became them, the true religion which
 7 gives everlasting happiness. And when they had hearkened to
 8 the noble doctrines of Buddha, the only Lord of the world, they
 made offerings to Buddha and the other Sacred Objects with con-
 tinual devotion, in the following manner :—They made offerings
 daily, with becoming devotion, unto the Tooth-relic, of divers
 9 flowers of jasmine and the like ; of sweet betel leaves scented
 with camphor and other perfumes ; of lamps fed with perfumed
 oil ; of sweet-smelling sandal and other fragrant substances ;
 10 of divers kinds of sweet incense ; of honey and other medicines ;
 11 of garments, jewels and the like, of silver and golden bowls
 filled with savoury food, hard and soft, and that which can be
 12 licked up or drunk ; of curtains and covers, and of costly robes
 and divers other things that are necessary for monks. Of these
 and the like things did they make offerings, and gather to
 themselves a heap of merit.

13 And as they were constant in hearing the sacred doctrines, they
 vowed to observe the five vows daily, and the eight vows on every
 14 seventh day of the moon, and took heed of them as the Camari*
 (doth its tail). They also meditated much on Buddha and the
 15 like thoughts, and caused religious books to be written. And as
 they desired greatly to acquire the merit of almsgiving, and
 having understood the nature of the alms that are given daily,
 and also of others, such as alms to priests who journey or are
 16 sick, they gave alms daily, and that also with a willing heart.
 They also caused young persons to be robed as novitiates, and
 17 rendered them much help, and caused them to be properly in-
 structed in the doctrines of religion, and gave them every needful
 thing that they desired, and thereby became unto them like the
 wish-conferring tree of heaven.

18 And they were like mines of virtue ; and showed much kind-
 ness and compassion towards the inhabitants of Lapka, bestowing
 upon them as much affection as a mother doth to her children.
 19 And they caused images and caskets to be made, and lived in
 20 fear of sin and in the love of everything that was good. Thus

* Wilson says that the Camari " is a kind of deer, or rather the *Bos Grunniens*, erroneously classed by the Hindu writers amongst the deer." The hairs of its tail are used for the purpose of making chowries.

did they, in many ways, adorn themselves with the ornaments of virtue, and become celebrated throughout the whole of Laṅkā.

And the faithful king caused dwellings for priests to be built 21 in divers places, and caused novitiates to take up their abode therein. And he esteemed them highly and showed them much 22 favour, and presented unto them gifts of robes and the like things that were needful to monks, and hearkened to the preaching of the holy Law. But, above all them, he chiefly honoured and 23 made offerings to the novitiate, Saranañkara by name, who dwelt in the Uposathārāma, and who was a man of faith and a mine of virtue. And he invited this selfsame Sāmanera, and caused 24 him to compose a commentary on four *Bhūnavāras** (of the Tripiṭaka) in the language of Laṅkā, and thus preserved the knowledge of the Scriptures also. And because that he hearkened 25 to the sayings of certain foolish men of other religions, who said 26 that great evils would befall them who place relics in new Relic-houses (and live near them), he caused another city to be built, and went out from this city and abode there. And it came to 27 pass that while the ruler of men yet dwelt there, the ministers assembled together, and, with the help of the servitors and other men of great authority, endeavoured to open the casket wherein 28 was the Tooth-relic; but they could not, albeit that they tried to do so in divers ways all the night. And so the ministers went and told the great king of this thing. And when the king heard it 29 he hastened to the chief city; and after that he had, with great 30 reverence, made offerings thereto of divers sweet-smelling flowers and lamps and incense and other things, the lord of the land bowed himself down before the Tooth-relic, and, taking the key of the casket, opened it instantly with ease. And he opened the caskets 31 that were inside, the one after the other, and beholding the tooth of the Supreme Buddha, he exclaimed with great joy, saying, "The life that I have lived hath indeed borne fruit!" And then he 32 caused the people of the city to assemble together, and held a great feast with much rejoicing. And the lord of the land, 33 having seen this marvel, was filled with joy and delight, and after that he had dedicated elephants and horses and jewels and pearls and the like precious things to the sacred tooth of the great 34 Sage, he took it into his lotus-hands, and showed it to all the people, and filled them with great gladness.

* A *Bhūnavāra* is equal to 250 verses of 32 syllables each.

35 And he caused the temple of the relic, which was built in the
 time of former kings, to be adorned with divers cloths spangled
 36 with gold, and fed the lamps thereof with perfumed oil, and
 37 placed flower-pots therein. In that beautiful temple, which was
 like unto a heavenly mansion, he placed the relic of the great
 Sage upon a silver altar, and celebrated a great feast in honour
 38 thereof. And he caused the whole city to be thoroughly purged,
 39 and the streets thereof properly spread with sand. And at that
 40 festival of the Tooth-relic he caused arches to be built of high
 and straight pillars around the temple and the inner enclosures
 thereof, and on the outer terrace, and in the great court of
 41 the king, and on both sides of all the streets, with no spaces
 between them. And they bound plantain trees to them, and
 adorned them beautifully with the flowers of the areka, the
 42 cocoanut, and the like. And by reason of the bright pieces of
 43 cloth of divers colours that were bound to the ends of long poles,
 44 the sky of the city looked pleasant, as though it were filled with
 flocks of cranes. And he caused jars, filled to the brim with
 water, to be decently placed in divers parts of the city, and
 canopies, shining with divers works in silver and gold, to be
 spread out in the open halls that were in front of the terrace
 45 around the temple. And they enclosed the halls with shining
 curtains, and covered the floor decently with carpets shining
 with varied workmanship, and strewed the ground around with
 47 flowers mixed with roasted grain.* And when he had thus
 48 adorned the whole city, as though he were showing how the chief
 of the gods celebrated his feasts in the heavenly habitations, and
 how the kings of old, who were rulers of Laṅkā, had held their
 feasts, the lord of the land adorned himself with the royal
 49 ornaments, and assembled together, in the city, the novitiates of
 50 Laṅkā, and the devout men and women, and all the dwellers in
 the city, and the inhabitants of the country. And the lord of
 the land, whose heart was full of kindness and mercy, fell on his
 face before the relic of the great Sage and did obeisance thereto.
 51 Then the king placed the relic on his lotus-hands and came forth
 54 from the Relic-house with a heart full of joy, and caused it to be

* *Lāja-pañcamaku*. Lit. "that which has roasted paddy as the fifth
 (flower)." Paddy when roasted bursts, and the grain inside the husk expands
 in the shape of a beautiful white flower. These are used on public occasions
 and festivals, as a mark of respect, for strewing the ground whereon a shrine
 is taken, or on which a high personage walks over.

carried with great rejoicing (before a host of people), endless as the sea, with the golden casket and silver umbrellas displayed in great number; with beautiful rows of chowries; with strewing of divers flowers of silver, gold, and the like; with divers jewels and pearls, apparel and ornaments; with divers things meet for offerings, and with the music of the five kinds of instruments. And then the king went up and stood on the outer hall, which 55 was beautifully ornamented in divers ways, and displayed the 56 sacred tooth to the great multitude around him: and having thus pleased them exceedingly, he kept the Tooth-relic in its place. 57 Thus did he give much pleasure to the people on that occasion; yea, as much as they would have enjoyed if they had seen Buddha alive; and thereby gained he much merit for himself. And the 58 chief of men made offerings of divers things fit to be offered thereunto: gold, jewels, and pearls; elephants, horses; men servants, maid servants, and the like. He also made offerings of 59 jasmine, champac, and the like flowers, and of sweet-smelling sandal and the like perfumes. And when he had thought to 60 himself that there was great merit in a feast of lamps, the 61 noble-minded king commanded that a feast of lamps should be held in one night at the divers shrines throughout the country, and also in his city. And he gathered the people together, even 62 in one night, and held a feast, where seven hundred and ninety thousand and six hundred lamps were lighted. Thus did this 63 king, the ruler of Lanšká, make the face of the island of Lanšká to look bright with shining lights, like the sky that is spangled with 64 stars. He also gathered much merit by offerings of flowers, ten million thirty and three thousand and eight hundred in number.

This king, who was endued with great virtue, took delight 65 also in causing images of Buddha to be made. In the A'loka Lena* and other rock-caves in the country of Máta'le, and in divers 66 rock-caves in other parts of the country, he caused to be made 67 new images of Buddha, of his stature, both sleeping and standing and sitting, and also Cetiya's that give pleasure to men. He also 68 caused many repairs to be made in decayed image-houses, and added greatly to his merits by making provision for their support.

In the city of Sirivaḍḍhana he removed the king's house and 69 many other buildings that had been built aforetime, but were old, 70 and built beautiful houses of stone. And the ruler of men caused 71

to be built the beautiful Tower-gate* of two floors, wherein there were divers figures of plants and animals, and an iron gate with
 72 excellent doors. And while he yet dwelt in the city, the king, who loved to hear the preaching of the Law, caused halls to be
 73 erected in the middle of the court-yard of the palace, and ornamented them throughout with beautiful arches and the like, and
 74 spread out canopies, and prepared pulpits therein. With much trouble also he procured many preachers of the Law, and caused them to sit down and preach, with beautiful fans in their hands.
 75 And after the king had hearkened to the discourses of Buddha, clearly expounded by them in a manner that stirred his heart, he
 76 was greatly delighted, and made divers offerings of things meet to be offered, such as censers of gold and silver and divers kinds of
 77 beautiful cloths. And the lord of the land made such offerings many times, together with his ministers and his followers, and gained much merit thereby.

80 And when he had learnt form the sacred Law that to impart religious knowledge was an act of great merit, he caused preaching halls and lodging places for priests to be built in divers places suited for the assembling of people, because that he desired the welfare of the inhabitants of the divers districts in the king's country. And the ruler of men sent forth many preachers of the Law and others, and commanded the people to assemble at divers places, and caused the sacred Law to be expounded to them, and thus imparted religious knowledge also.

81 And the wicked and unrighteous unbelievers, the Parangis, who had escaped destruction in the time of king Rájasíha, and
 82 who then dwelt in divers parts of the country, endeavouring to turn others to their faith by gifts of money and the like, now lived in open contempt of the religion of Buddha, with full of
 83 devices. And when the king heard of their doings he was very wroth, and straightway commanded his ministers to destroy their houses and books, and to cause such as would not renounce their faith to be driven out of the country.

85 The lord of the land caused all kinds of feasts, such as the feast of lamps and the like, to be held at the noble foot-print of
 86 the Supreme Buddha on Sumanakúṭa; and celebrated great feasts at Anurádhapura, and also at Mahiyangana and other
 87 places. He also built stone bridges, for the convenience of

travellers in the eastern and western districts, on roads that were difficult of access by reason of water.

And when it was made known unto the king that the religion 88 of the Conqueror decreased in Laṅkā because that the Order of 89 priests was extinct, it grieved the lord of the land and astonished him greatly ; and he resolved to bring in the Order, and caused many inquiries to be made concerning the religion of the Sage, where it was most prosperous. And when he had heard 90 from the Olandas the glad news that it flourished in divers parts 91 of the kingdom of Pegu, Rakkhaṅga, and Sāma,* the king sent 92 ministers thither, separately, and others with letters, which he caused to be duly written in the first language,† that so he might find out how the religion of the Sage prospered in each country. And when he heard that the religion in the country 93 of Ayojjha‡ prospered well, and that it was exceeding pure and undefiled, the ruler of men was minded to procure from that 94 very country the sons of the Conqueror§ to the land of Laṅkā, and sent back his ministers thither, with a letter and presents 95 and divers things meet for offerings.

And the lord of the land also caused a fine casket of pure 96 gold to be made, one and a half cubit high, with the intent that he might place the Tooth-relic therein. And he caused it to be 97 set with gems of great value, and pearls, and the like precious things ; but while the work remained yet unfinished his merit came to an end ; and, in the eighth year of his reign, this chief of men, who was adorned with the ornaments of faith and many 97 other virtues, and was desirous to secure the purity of the noble religion of Buddha, departed, at last, to the region of death, after that he had performed many great and good deeds that tended to the happiness of mankind.

Thus this lord of Laṅkā, this chief of men who was an excellent 98 king, devoted to the welfare of others, and desirous of acquiring merit, governed the kingdom, doing good to himself and to others. Ye, therefore, who desire happiness in this world and unbounded happiness beyond this world, take heed and avoid slothfulness, and lay up for yourselves a store of merit which bringeth much happiness.

Thus endeth the ninety-eighth chapter, entitled " An Account of Siri Vijaya Rājasiha," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

* Siam. † Pāli. ‡ Ayodhya. § Priests of Buddha.

CHAPTER XCIX.

AND when this great and virtuous king was dead, his wife's brother, a prince of great beauty and youth, became the supreme king. And he shed light on the beautiful island of Laṅkā, and found favour in the eyes of the people by the exceeding beauty of his person. And this chief of men ascended the throne in the two thousand two hundred and ninetieth year after the Parinibbāna of the Supreme Buddha, and gave himself up to advance the welfare of the island of Laṅkā, and thereby comforted the people who were mourning for the loss of the great king (his predecessor). And as the sun, after that he hath given light to all the quarters of the earth, goeth down the western mountain and leaveth darkness behind him, and, rising again behind the eastern mountain, dispelleth the darkness and lighteth up all the quarters of the earth, so did this illustrious king ascend the throne of Laṅkā and disperse the darkness of sorrow which had been cast over the whole nation, and fill the hearts of the people with great gladness. And as soon as this chief of men was anointed king, because that he was a lover of virtue and delighted in the three Sacred Gems of which Buddha is the chief, he caused the whole city to be cleaned forthwith, and ornamented it with cloths, arches, and the like ; and when great numbers of the inhabitants of Laṅkā had assembled themselves together, the great and illustrious king, the child of good fortune, marched in procession around the city with all the magnificence of a king, and made them feel that the kingless kingdom of Laṅkā had once more a king.

And the chief of men, who was endued with great virtue, took up his abode in the city of Sirivaḍḍhana.

This eminent and meritorious king, Kittissiri Rájasīha, by the strength of his resolutions (in former births) to maintain and defend the religion of the Sage, now appeared in Laṅkā, and enjoyed the splendour of Laṅkā's kingdom. He excelled in wisdom and in faith, and called to mind the things that are real and the things that are unreal, and began to make offerings unto the three Sacred Gems of which Buddha is the chief.

And he joined not himself to evil companions, but associated himself with the wise, and gave honour to the virtuous, and hearkened to the noble Law, and himself increased in faith and

wisdom. And the king, knowing what things ought to be done and what things ought not to be done, avoided that which was not to be done and clave to that which ought to be done. And he pleased all his people by practising the four duties of kings, and became worthy of the praise of wise men. And when he had learned from the sacred Law the reward that was due to them that impart religious knowledge, and the benefit of hearing the sacred Law, and the merit of copying the books of the Law, and even of making offerings thereto, he thought that these were things that were meet to be done. So he caused preaching halls to be built in divers places, and set up canopies of cloths of beautiful colours therein, and ornamented them with divers arches. And when he had caused those halls to be lighted and pulpits to be prepared in them, he caused preachers of the sacred Law to be brought thither with great pomp and honour, and respectfully invited them to take their seats on the pulpits and to expound many discourses of Buddha, such as the Dhamma-cakka and the like, and gave ear to them all night with great reverence. And by thus hearing the sacred Law he was enabled to see in its true light the vanity of life and of the body and the pleasures thereof, and the nature of that which is real and durable. And the faithful king was much pleased, and continued to celebrate the great feast with his ministers and his followers by offering up divers things that were meet to be offered. And in this manner did he oftentimes cause religious knowledge to be imparted for the welfare and happiness of the inhabitants both within and without the city, even all his people; and thus did the ruler of men perform that meritorious act which consisted in the communication of religious knowledge.

And the king, with much lovingkindness, bestowed favours on the priests who had come from Rakkaṅga and the priests of Laṅkā and many novitiates also who had entered the church, by giving them all the things that were necessary for monks, such as robes and the like; and he caused them to recite the Paritta, and the Maṅgala, and other discourses. Many a time also did he thus keep up the preaching of the sacred Law, and increase his store of merit by making gifts of the things that were necessary for monks.

And in the fulness of his faith he spent nine thousand and six hundred pieces of money and caused an excellent golden book to be made, on the golden leaves whereof he caused many discourses of Buddha to be engraved, such as the Dhamma-cakka and others.

30 And he caused the preachers of the sacred Law to read it for one whole night, and offered many things thereunto, and oftentimes
 31 heard the exposition of the sacred Law therefrom. And the ruler of men gathered many scribes together, and caused the Dīgha Nikāya to be copied in one single day, and paid the writers
 32 thereof liberally. And then he held a great feast and caused the doctrines that were contained therein to be duly expounded throughout the night, hearkening to it himself, and causing others
 33 also to hearken to it. In the fulness of his faith he also caused copies of many other books to be made, such as the Saṃyutta Nikāya and the like, and paid the writers thereof in money. And
 34 when others, whether priests or householders, made copies of books decently and brought them before him, he was well pleased
 35 therewith, and showed them much favour by giving them gifts of money and the like. Thus, being always kind and liberal, he shared in the merits of others also among the inhabitants of Laṅkā.

36 And this chief of men who was desirous of merit went up to the noble city of Anurādhapura with all his followers, and made
 37 offerings to the great Bodhi and the great Cetiya of elephants and horses and gold and silver and the like; and in this wise also
 38 did the king acquire merit. And the illustrious chief of men went in royal state to the Mahiyaṅga Cetiya and the excellent Nakhā Cetiya, and heaped merit by worshipping at those shrines
 39 and holding great feasts. And that he might worship and make
 40 offerings at the beautiful Cetiya and vihāras that the king Parakkama Báhu had built in the noble city of Pulatthi, this faithful and renowned king went thither with a great number of followers and made offerings thereat befittingly. And the king, who was endued with faith and other virtues, worshipped at the Rajata Vihāra* also, and acquired much merit.

42 And like the former kings of Laṅkā, he desired to show to the
 43 divers classes of his subjects the rejoicings that were held in honour of Nátha, Vishnu, and other gods, which were regarded by
 44 all the people as conducive to prosperity. And to that end he caused preparations to be made throughout the whole city, so that it looked like the city of the gods. And he assembled
 45 together all the inhabitants of Laṅkā in that city, dividing the people according to their districts and offices, and placing them in divers parts of the city,—the people of each district having a

flag to distinguish them, raised (in their several encampments). And he caused the emblems of the gods, that were in the temples, 46 to be (taken out and) placed on the back of elephants, and com- 52 manded that they should be taken in procession, accompanied before and behind by elephants and drums and a host of dancers ; by numbers of divers elephants and horses ; by men in the dress of Brahmas, arrayed gorgeously in divers garments ; by persons holding divers kinds of umbrellas and chowries ; by numbers of divers classes of women and officers of State ; by numerous sword-bearers and shield-bearers and spearmen and men armed with divers kinds of weapons ; by persons carrying divers cloths and flags ; by people of strange countries, and men skilled in divers languages ; by numerous artificers and handicraftmen, and by many such people. And then the king followed in royal state, 53 like the king of the gods, and after that he had gone round the whole city with the procession, returned (with it), and entered the palace at the conclusion thereof.

And while our great king thus celebrated the A'sálhi* rejoicings 54 yearly he thought it proper, as his faith and wisdom increased, that 55 they should be preceded by a procession in honour of Buddha. So he caused a golden howdah of exquisite workmanship to be fixed on the back of the State elephant, and adorned this white 56 elephant† with ornaments. And this one was surrounded by 57 elephants ridden by men who carried silver umbrellas and chowries and flowers, and canopies with flowers hanging from them, and manifold other things that were meet for offerings ; by divers flags and banners ; by men who disguised themselves 58 in manifold dress ; by royal ministers ; and by divers strangers. And when everything was thus made ready, the ruler of men 59 reverently placed the splendid golden casket containing the relics 60 of the body of Buddha on the howdah, and caused the flower-strewers to strew flowers thereon, thick as rain. Then there was 61 great rejoicing, with cries of "Sádhu," and with the sound of conchs and cymbals and the noise of divers drums. And the good 62 people, who were struck with wonder and amazement, unceasingly

* July—August.

† The expression *Subha-candiradaṇ-gajaṇ* is evidently a blunder. The writer probably had a hazy idea of the Sanskrit words *Subhra-candira*, which may be used for a white elephant, and in attempting to render them into Pāli made an incomprehensible mess of the compound. The Siṅhalese version makes it, "the elephant with beautiful spots and two tusks," for which I do not find any warrant.

- worshipped the relics with their hands raised to their foreheads.
- 63 And the ruler of men arranged that the procession should be
 64 preceded by men carrying torches and by men wearing festive
 65 garments and by a variety of festive shows. And he commanded
 that the relic of the Conqueror, which had obtained the first place
 among the things that were to be adored by gods and demigods
 and men, should be carried foremost ; and the rest, such as the
 emblems of gods, and men and others, should follow behind it.
- 66 And he himself, surrounded with all the magnificence of royalty,
 amidst shouts of victory and applause, with the majesty of a king,
 and with great rejoicings, went forth, as if displaying before men
 the manner in which the chief of the gods celebrated the great
 feast of the relic in heaven.
- 67 And as he was endued with faith and many other virtues he gave
 68 his services to the cause of Buddha, the Law, and the Order. And
 remembering with pleasure what was real and what was unreal,
 he did always deeds of charity and the like good works. And as
 he abounded in faith, wisdom, and mercy, and other excellent
 virtues, he was like unto a lamp that shed light throughout the
 island. And he rejoiced exceedingly in the Supreme Buddha,
 and walked circumspectly according to the Law of the Sage with
 the ten powers. And he was always diligent and zealous, and
 looked at the real and the unreal : and, being mindful of the
 welfare of all his people, he performed many acts of merit, such
 as almsgiving and the like, and continued so (even to the end).*
- 69 And because of the respect that he had unto the three Sacred
 Gems, he continued daily to make great offerings to the Tooth-relic
 70 with great rejoicing. And being always mindful of the priests
 who were brought into the church in his reign, he ministered
 unto them, out of his own income, with the four things that were
 71 necessary for monks. And as he delighted in the sacred Law he
 oftentimes heard it expounded with great attention, and acquired
 72 much merit. And thus he caused the religion of the Conqueror
 to flourish, even as it did when Buddha yet lived, and did much
 73 good to the inhabitants of Laṅkā. And when he heard of the
 works that had been done by Parakkama Báhu and former

* These two verses are composed in different metres—viz., the *Upeṇḍra-
 rajjā* and *Śragdhara*, respectively, and contain needless repetitions—a lament-
 able fault throughout these chapters. The two verses, besides, are uncon-
 nected with the narrative, and have evidently been added or interpolated for
 effect.

kings he was struck with their excellence, being indeed himself a follower in their footsteps. And as he had learnt the duties of kings he had a great regard thereto, and lived in fear of the four states of mind that lead to the perversion of justice,* and applied himself with great heed to the practice of the four kingly virtues. He showed favour unto his own brother and others in a manner that was most fitted to please them, and gained their affections by inquiring constantly after their health and welfare. Thus did this chief of men, the supreme lord of Lanká, give himself up to the welfare of others, and was always diligent in defending the cause of religion and of his people. And when he heard of the many former kings who had been the defenders of Lanká, and remembered their noble deeds, he resolved, saying, "I also will walk in the excellent path of the duties of kings." And when he had thus resolved the ruler of men pondered it in his heart.

Now the history of the kings of the Great Dynasty and of the kings of the Lesser Dynasty, from Mahá Sammata unto those of the city of Hatthisela, was formerly comprised in verse, and preserved by them of old under the title of "the Mahávamsa." And this ruler of Lanká caused an examination to be made, separately and in due order, of the two books, namely, that which was extant in the island of Lanká and the same book of the history of the kings of Lanká that was brought hither from Siam; and when it was told him that they were wanting, he caused the portion also of the history of the latter kings, from Parakkama Báhu† and others to the present time, to be written up, and caused the genealogy also of the kings to be preserved.‡

Thus did this ruler of men administer the affairs of the kingdom justly and righteously, and committed not any breach of the precepts of kings or of the precepts of religion, but conformed himself to the laws that govern the conduct of kings, and daily performed divers acts of merits, such as giving alms and the like. And this liberal king meditated on the noble Law, and steadily practised the four kingly virtues (that conciliate

* The *Agatis*, viz., love, hatred, fear, and ignorance.

† Parákráma Bahu IV. who reigned at Kurunégala. See Chap. XC., v. 64.

‡ Being an important passage, relating to the composition of the last portion of the Mahávamsa, I have rendered the original very closely. The portion thus written up to this date evidently commenced from the 105th verse of the XCth chapter, which records the reign of Parakkama Báhu IV. See note *in loc.*

people); namely, giving of gifts, speaking kind words, seeking the good of others, and regarding their fellow-creatures as they do themselves. And so that the world might see that he had the same regard for his two younger brethren, the sub-kings, as he had for himself, the king bestowed liberally on them equipages and all other things that were necessary for kings; and thus he pleased them much, and practised to their utmost extent the four-fold kingly virtues. And these two sub-kings who had received such favours from the king, were wont to celebrate feasts in honour of the Tooth-relic, each on his own account, and to cause books to be written for payment. They were wont also to invite priests and give them alms daily; and by hearkening to the preaching of the holy Law they knew what should be done and what should not be done; and thereby they eschewed evil deeds and loved good works greatly. They sought also for Sāmaneras who were good men, able and skilful, and provided them with the eight things that were necessary for monks, as befitted princes, and caused them to be ordained and well instructed in the Laws of discipline and the discourses of Buddha. They built monasteries also, which are works of great merit, and caused priests to dwell in them, unto whom, also, they were wont to minister duly, with great regard. And they also made inquiry, in divers ways, concerning the things that were needful to be done for the religion and the kingdom. And by encouraging good men and discouraging the wicked, they acted according to the king's wishes, as it was their duty to do. In this manner they sought to do good in divers ways, and conducted themselves according to the king's wishes, and made themselves one with the religion and the people. And because that some former kings, with the intent to obtain the kingdom, cared not for their brethren and kinsfolk, but persecuted one another, the people, in like manner, by reason of their dissensions, became of the same character. But these three brethren, having obtained and divided among themselves a kingdom that was not to be despised, contended not with each other for greatness, nor laid bare the faults of one another before the world. And they dwelt together in one city, and clave to each other like their own shadows. And thus, without (envying one another, or) being provoked to anger on account of the kingdom, they displayed the virtues of the Bodhisatta as they are written in the Sīlava Jātaka. The Licchavi princes of Visálá (in the days of old) ruled their kingdom in peace and harmony, and thereby obtained they the victory over their enemies.

Even as kings gifted with little wisdom, maddened by the beauty of Laṅkā, did that which was evil, and came to great trouble ; so they who were endued with wisdom and favoured by Laṅka, did that which was right, and acquired great fame. Even so these three rulers of men who became the (joint) lords of a Laṅkā, beautiful as she hath ever been, preserved peace and harmony among themselves. That, I say, is a marvellous thing. And this great king, of great virtue, who had given his brother the parasol and other emblems of royalty, beheld him once going about with a royal retinue (as splendid as his own), and was pleased (thereat), and looked on him again and again, and only turned his mind to contemplate the virtue of benevolence to all men.

And these three persons, endued with many virtues, who stood high in the Race of Kings, and were the prop and support of religion, walked in the ways of good men. And as they avoided those things which lead to the perversion of justice, and associated with good companions, their only aim was to prepare their way to heaven.

Thus these virtuous kings, rich in faith, devoutly made offerings to the Tooth-relic of the glorious Buddha, and his excellent Law and Order. And they acquired much merit which bringeth every blessing, and defended the spotless religion of the Sage with great care, as also this island of Laṅkā.

May all men, therefore, always serve the virtuous ruler of Laṅkā who laid to his heart the weight of solid virtue that belongeth to the Sage, the sole lord of the world, and constantly keepeth it in remembrance without forgetting his Law and his priesthood.

Thus the great king, who is the chief of kings, endued with kingly authority, duly defended the spotless religion of the Sage and this island of Laṅkā. And he pleased the people of many countries by giving them great possessions. He caused gods and men to rejoice ; and he was endued with excellent wisdom, and was possessed of the power of authority as well as the power of merit.*

* Verses 106 to 109 are only laudatory, and have no connection with each other. They are composed in the *Mālinī*, *Śardūla-Vikrādita*, and *Vasanta-tilaka* metres, and have evidently been intended as a conclusion to the religious life of the three royal brothers. The verses contain much tautology and are otherwise faulty.

110 Now while this great king of great fame and great authority
 111 dwelt in the great city, defending the church and the kingdom, the
 112 Hollanders, who were powerful merchants, and had been
 appointed in the time of king Rájasiha to defend the (sea-coast
 of the) island, continued to perform the duties of messengers to
 112 the kings of Laṅkā. It was their custom to bring presents of
 great value (to the king) of divers cloths and other goods
 113 wrought in divers countries, and many costly things also that
 were fit for the enjoyment of kings, every year, with great
 114 honour and in great procession. Now at that time, by reason,
 115 perhaps, of some sin committed by the people of Laṅkā, or of the
 neglect of the gods that were appointed to defend the religion
 and the land, they (the Hollanders) became exceedingly wroth
 116 and cruel, and began to vex the inhabitants of Laṅkā in manifold
 ways. And when the illustrious king heard tidings thereof, he
 117 thought it an unjust thing, and sent officers against them. And
 those officers went with the men of Laṅkā, as they had been
 118 commanded, and carried on a fierce war with the Hollanders.
 And they destroyed the enemy, and burned their houses and forts,
 119 and, by manifold devices, struck terror into their hearts. And
 when the enemy was thus oppressed with fear, a certain stubborn,
 120 cruel, and vile man—a sinner whose days were numbered—
 assumed the leadership, and took with him a great number of
 followers consisting of many Malays and others, and, in manifold
 121 ways, began to lay waste divers parts of the country, and destroyed
 villages, viháras, deválas, bridges, resting houses, and the like.
 122 And although the officers who had been ordered by the lord of
 Laṅka opposed him in divers places with men of valour skilled
 123 in war, and fought against him in divers ways and slew (many
 of) the enemy in every battle, yet were they not able to prevail
 against him, so that he began to march against the city.
 124 Thereupon the great military officers opposed the enemy in front,
 stopping the way in divers ways, that they might hinder him in
 125 his rapid progress. And in the meanwhile, the great king, the
 126 lord of Laṅká, who was endued with great knowledge, knowing
 that the time (was unfavourable), and seeing that it was not
 possible to hinder the progress of the enemy who came on like a
 wild-fire, placed the venerable Tooth-relic, and his queen also, and
 127 younger sister, and all his best treasure, in the charge of the
 two sub-kings, and sent them on for safety into the heart of the
 country, which the enemy could not reach by reason of the
 fastnesses of the mountains and the forest.

Thereupon all the forces of the enemy, like a fierce multitude 128
of devils, entered the city and destroyed all religious books and
other sacred things. And the great king put himself at the 129
head of the army, and,—surrounded by valiant generals skilful 130
in war, and great ministers who knew how to take advantage of 131
opportunities,—took up his position at divers places near the
suburbs not far from the chief city, and besieged it on every side.

And the inhabitants of Laṃkā, being attached to the religion
of Buddha, acted according to the king's commands, and slew 132
all those who went over to the enemy, wheresoever they found 133
them, while the king's messengers and other officers defended
the priesthood.

And those brave men, valiant and strong, who were faithful to 134
their king, fought with the enemy in their desire to defend the
religion of the Conqueror. And they surrounded themselves 135
with strong men, and fought in divers ways with those who
held the highway at divers points,* and drove them away. 136
And they began to fight with the enemy that was inside the 137
city, and many times slew them. It is not a marvel to us that
men carried out the wishes of the king with such zeal, for even
the gods did likewise. And, indeed, there soon fell upon that 138
most foolish leader of the enemy's hosts a fearful and terrible 139
madness that was brought about by the power of the gods and
by the power also of the king's merit, so that he abandoned
that fine city, and left it ingloriously, and was consumed by the
fire of Death.

And all the enemy's hosts who had come under the leadership 140
of that foolish man became powerless and helpless, and were
overtaken by calamities. Some fell victims to disease; others 141
suffered great distress from hunger and sickness; some were slain
in battle, and others betook themselves to mountain fastnesses.

Thus were these enemies, the vilest of men, destroyed and put 142
to flight, and thus was this ruler of the land protected by gods
and men! And the people said, "Of a surety our king is a man 143
of great power: he is a man of great good fortune!" And, 144
indeed, who, in this world, is able to override the authority of a
king so great in power, so great in good fortune?

And when the illustrious king, whose enemies had been driven
away, saw that the forces of the enemy had disappeared, he caused 145

* With those who guarded the enemy's line of communication, evidently.

the city to be cleaned as before, and the temple of the Tooth-relic
 146 and other sacred buildings to be especially decorated. And the
 ruler of men, who had a pure love for the noble religion of the
 Supreme Buddha, never forgot it. He remembered the virtues
 of the sons of the Supreme Buddha,* and always held his
 147 Tooth-relic in great honour.† The ruler of men, who thus
 148 conducted himself aright in respect of the three Sacred Objects,
 could not bear the sorrow caused by his separation from the
 Tooth-relic; and he, therefore, went with his followers into the
 heart of the country, which was exceeding difficult of access. And
 149 when the great king, full of great faith, beheld the Relic-casket,
 he was struck with wonder and amazement; and he reverently
 bowed unto it and worshipped it humbly, touching his head on
 150 the ground. And when he had also saluted the priesthood and
 151 put an end to his grief, he bore on his head the casket containing
 152 the Tooth-relic, and, with much rejoicing and acclamation and
 the music of the five instruments, carried it in great procession
 into his own city. Then, when the people of Laṅkā beheld the
 153 lord of the land with the Tooth-relic (on his head) they were
 154 greatly delighted, and shouted for joy. And the king carried the
 Tooth-relic to the former temple of the tooth, and caused all the
 ceremonies to be performed thereto as before.

155 Now (during the siege) the Saṅgha-Rájá‡ and many other sons
 156 of Buddha who lived in the monasteries of the city, seeing that
 there was more to be feared from the renewal of existence than
 from the enemy, abandoned not their life as monks, but left the
 city with their books and relics and the things that were neces-
 sary for monks, and went and dwelt in the country outside,
 157 preserving the religion of Buddha. The great king, however,
 caused them all to be brought back into the city, and speedily
 caused the monasteries of the city to be cleaned, and persuaded
 158 the priests to take up their abode therein. And he sought
 after skilful expounders of the Law among them who had been
 commanded to learn the doctrine and precepts of religion, and
 159 invited them, and frequently heard the preaching of the sacred
 Law, such as admonitions to kings and the like.

* Meaning, his disciples.

† The verse is composed in the *Vasanta-tilaka* metre. The writer, in attempting to introduce the word *Sambuddha* (Supreme Buddha) at the beginning of each line, has sacrificed sense to sound.

‡ The supreme head of the Buddhist church. This is the first time that this title is mentioned in the *Mahāvamsa*.

Now, after this, certain Dutchmen dwelling in the country, who lived at enmity with the king, but who had a regard for the customs of countries, assembled and took counsel together, saying, "It is not possible for us to take the whole of Lapká." And after that they had known it for a certainty, they took counsel again, saying, "The people in this country who have rebelled against the supreme king of Lapká have met with destruction, and so will it happen to us also. Therefore it is meet that we should make a great show of loyalty and respect towards the chief of Lapká, and live here in peace as before." So they took with them the empty casket of the Tooth-relic, which shone like a beautiful Cetiya, and which had been carried away by that foolish man,* and the golden howdah, and the royal presents also, saying, "We shall obtain pardon for the offence committed by our countrymen, and henceforth live in peace." And they approached the king with great respect, and bowed down before him; and after they had presented divers gifts, they exchanged many kind words with one another. And the royal chief of Lapká pardoned their great offence, and even treated them with much respect; and thus did our king re-establish friendship with them. And the Hollanders also were well pleased with the king of Lapká; and (thenceforward) it was their custom to bring unto him every year a royal letter with costly presents of things that were produced in divers countries.

And the ruler of men caused the great casket that had fallen into the hands of the heathen to be gilt with refined gold and set with precious stones, and made it to shine as the sun; and he placed the Tooth-relic therein, and made offerings thereunto like the chief of the gods.

Thus did this king enjoy the great pleasure of having destroyed a multitude of the wicked, heathen enemies. Oh, how great was the good fortune of the Singhalese ruler, a believer of the true faith! Let people think upon this marvellous and wonderful event, and practise with devotion the virtues which that religion teacheth—a religion, truly noble, incomparable, and praised by good men.

And this king having assumed the reigns of government at a time when there was not even one priest in this beautiful island of Lapká, dwelt at Sirivaddhana, and persuaded many persons of good families to enter the priesthood and novitiates to receive ordination. Among them there were some who became expoun-

* Alluding to the commander of the Dutch forces who took Kandy.

ders of the Law ; others who became learned in the Vinaya, and
 177 others again who became hermits of the forest. And when he
 178 had filled the whole of this Laṇḍá, which was without priests,
 with many hundreds of priests endued with excellent qualities,
 the king performed acts of merit every day, inviting priests and
 giving them daily food, and food also for the sick.

179 And he looked after the (bodily) welfare of the priesthood.
 For in this world there are two kinds of diseases to which
 novitiates and priests are liable, namely, those of the body and
 180 those of the mind. Of these, for the cure of the diseases of the
 mind, Buddha, the greatest of men, has provided the Vinaya rules
 181 and the Suttanta discourses. But the priests, after that they
 182 are instructed in the Vinaya and Suttanta—remedies that are
 effectual in destroying lust and diseases of the mind—are liable
 to be afflicted with bodily diseases, by reason of which it is
 hard for them to practice the doctrines and precepts of religion.
 183 Therefore the lord of the land took permission from the priest-
 hood to make provision for the treatment of their bodily diseases,
 184 such as fever and the like, and appointed two physicians, well
 instructed in the knowledge of healing diseases, together with
 attendants, and rewarded them with gifts of lands, clothes, orna-
 185 ments, and the like substance ; and he, moreover, spent out of the
 royal treasury, a hundred pieces of money yearly for the purchase
 186 of medicines. And the king was wont to inquire after the health
 and welfare of the novitiates and priests in the divers viháras,
 187 and minister unto them with things needful. Thus did this king
 188 of kings confer many blessings on the priesthood. Now Buddha
 hath declared that of all (temporal) blessings, the blessing of
 health is the best and highest ; and this blessing also did the
 king confer on them. (In short,) he maintained the religion of the
 Supreme Buddha in perfect splendour.

189 Great kings of old, who ruled over Laṇḍá, were supporters of
 its religion. And they put down heresy and drove away many
 enemies, and bore the burden of government well. This king
 also, having heard an account of those kings, became a steadfast
 supporter of religion ; and, seeing that he had felt within himself
 (the holy influence of) the sacred doctrines which confer unbounded
 glory, was constant and diligent in good works.

Thus endeth the ninety-ninth chapter, entitled " A Description
 of the Festival of Coronation and other Things," in the Mahá-
 vaṇsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of
 good men.

CHAPTER C.

AND he honoured the Tooth-relic with constant devotion, 1
 regarding it as a Cakka.* With divers kinds of flowers, 2
 such as jasmine, champac, the *punnága*, † the *kaṇikára*, ‡
 the *ketaki*, § the lotus and the blue lily,—with numerous perfumes, 3
 such as sandal, agallochum, and the like,—with divers kinds of 4
 incense,—with sugar, honey, and the like things,—with fine areka,
 camphor, betel, and medicines,—with divers kinds of food, such 5
 as savoury rice, gruel, and other meats,—with divers kinds of 6
 fruits, such as ripe plantain, jambu, jak, mango, *phárusa*, || *timba-*
rúsaka, ¶ orange, yellow and green cocoanuts, rich and excellent 7
 of their kind, well-ripened pomegranates, wild dates and grapes, 8
 and with divers kinds of yams and tender sprouts of trees :—
 with these and such offerings, and with the music of the five 9
 kinds of instruments, together with new offerings added to the 10
 many that former kings were wont to make, did he honour the
 Tooth-relic daily. And this king of great fame, who loved good
 deeds and was anxious to increase his store of merit, presented
 unto the Tooth-relic many gifts : gold and silver, gems and 11
 pearls, beautiful curtains and ceilings made of cloths of divers
 colours, robes and things necessary for monks, divers kinds of 12
 ornaments, numerous horses and elephants and black cattle and
 buffaloes, men servants and maid servants, and many fields and
 gardens. And when he had made these gifts, the ruler of men
 bowed unto it with great reverence. And after that he had seen

* *Cakkam* is a wheel ; but here it is used to denote the *Cakka-ratanu* of a universal monarch, *Cakkavatti*. Childers, quoting Hardy, describes it as “The magic wheel of a Cakkavatti monarch, which rolls before him when he makes his royal progress from one continent to another.” Subhúti, in his *Abhidhā-nappadīpikā*, calls it “The movable palace of a Cakkravarti Rájá, made of precious stones”; and Clough, “The carriage of Cakkravarti Rájá.” There is a long description of the *Cakkavatti-ratanus* in the commentary on the *Mahá Sudassana Súra* of the *Dīgha Nikáya*. They are seven in number : namely, the Cakka, the Hatthi, the Assa, the Maṇi, the Itthi, the Gahapati, and the Parináyaka. Of these *ratanas*, or precious things, the Cakka is described as a miraculous car that carries the Cakkavatti Rájá and his retinue across seas and continents round the world.

† *Rottleria Tinctoria*.

‡ *Pterospermum Acerifolium*.

§ *Pandanus Odoratissimus*.

|| The Sighalese version gives *Boralu-damunn*, which Clough doubtfully says, is “a sort of *Calyptanthus*.”

¶ *Diospyros embryopteris*.

the relic of the Supreme Buddha he was exceeding glad, and
 13 determined to complete the golden casket, the work whereof was
 commenced in the days of former kings, but was left unfinished.
 14 And he caused a large and excellent diamond of great value to
 15 be set on the top of that beautiful gem-coloured casket made out
 of two thousand suvaṇṇas with seven nikkhas* added thereto.
 16 And the ruler of men, with the intent to gain merit, caused the
 casket to be set with one hundred and sixty and eight brilliant
 17 diamonds of great value, one hundred and seventy and one beauti-
 18 ful topazes, five hundred and eighty and five blue sapphires, four
 thousand eight hundred and eighty rubies, and seven hundred
 19 and seventy and eight pearls. And, so that he might enclose this
 20 costly casket therein, he caused two other caskets to be made, and
 21 splendid precious stones to be set thereon. And the king also
 22 caused the large casket to be gilded that the famous king
 Vimala Dhamma Suriya had made. And the lord of the land
 then held a great feast, and placed the Tooth-relic of the Sage in
 the selfsame caskets.

23 And the king, who was greatly pleased with the Tooth-relic of
 the great Sage, dedicated unto it a great village called Aka-
 24 rabhaṇḍu.† And at that feast of the relic the lord of the land
 graciously determined to display the Tooth-relic to the people of
 25 Laṅkā. And to this end, he caused the whole city of Sirivaḍ-
 ḍhana to be thoroughly cleansed, and decorated it continuously
 26 with numerous works of art, with arches of cloth, with rows of
 arches made of plantain trees, with bunches of yellow cocoanuts
 27 and the like fruits, and with divers flags and banners. And the
 ruler of men then assembled all the people of Laṅkā together,
 and arrayed himself like the king of the gods, in royal apparel,
 28 and went to the house of the Tooth-relic, and offered thereto in
 divers ways many great offerings that were borne before him.
 29 And the lord of the land, who had a great reverence for the Tooth-
 30 relic of the great Sage, fell on his face and worshipped it. And
 then he took the golden lotus whereon the Tooth-relic rested
 31 into his lotus-like hands, and went forth from the house sur-
 32 rounded with the noise of chunks and cymbals and the other
 33 instruments of music of five kinds ; with numerous lamps and
 incense, and divers kinds of sweet flowers ; with a display of

* A nikkha is a weight of five suvaṇṇas, each of which is about the weight of five copper cents.

† Akarahaḍḍuwa.

cloths of divers colours and ornaments of divers kinds ; with silver and gold and gems and pearls ; with silver umbrellas and chowries, and with flowers of silver and gold and roasted grain. And amid the joyful shouts of many thousands of people, which 34 was like unto the roar of the sea, the great king marched in 35 procession, as though he were the Cakkavatti king with the Cakka 36 gem, and stood in the magnificent hall decorated with divers ornaments of great beauty, like unto the celestial hall. And the 37 royal chief of men stood there like the king of the gods with 38 his heavenly hosts, and displayed to the multitude the excellent 39 Tooth-relic of the noble Buddha, the which it was hard to find even in a space of one hundred thousand *kaipas*. And after he had gratified them all he replaced it in the caskets. Thus did he gather to himself a store of merit, and make all the people rejoice even as if they had seen Buddha alive. Even so did the 40 king, with the intent to gain merit, display the Tooth-relic on many occasions, and heap up much merit. And he allowed not the 41 lands that were granted by the former kings of *Lapká* for the benefit of the Tooth-relic to be at all lost, but (contrariwise) made great offerings unto it day by day, taking much delight 42 therein. And he gained true and enduring merit by dedicating 43 thereunto elephants and horses and cattle, and the flourishing and populous village called *Rajakatthala*,* and another great village called *Muttápabbata*.†

And because that the king desired the prosperity of religion 44 it grieved him much to see that though, among the priests and 45 novitiates who had aforetime been received into the church when 46 the priesthood yet continued in the island of *Lapká*, there were some who feared evil and respected the good Law and lived a life of purity and discipline, there were yet others who made light of sin and led sinful and wicked lives, maintaining families and 47 devoting themselves to worldly business. And these men busied themselves with the practice of astrology and medicine and other callings that were not proper for priests. And when the king 48 had heard of the doings of these shameless monks and had learned the truth thereof duly, he chose from among the priests that behaved themselves well the famous novitiate *Saranañkara*, 49 who was a priest of great piety, who endeavoured always to 50 advance the welfare of the religion of the Conqueror, and was

* *Radátala*.† *Mutugala*.

moral and virtuous and wise, and skilled in grammar and in the words of the Supreme Buddha. And as the king thought well of him he sought his assistance, and made inquiry into their conduct according to the Law, and repressed them. And he caused them to be duly warned that they should thenceforth abandon all practices that became not the priesthood, even those of astrology and medicine, and that they should take heed to study the words of the Supreme Buddha and to observe his precepts. Thus did the king, who was desirous of the prosperity of the religion, which had languished grievously, encourage them that were well behaved, and, by manifold devices, favour the cause of religion.

And because that the lord of the land feared greatly for the decay of the exceeding pure religion of the great Sage, by reason that the ordained priests throughout Laṅkā were extinct, he thought to himself, saying : " While kings like unto myself govern Laṅkā it beseemeth not that the religion of the Conqueror should be utterly lost. In the times of former kings did they send ministers to diverse countries that priests might be brought hither ; but they failed, and so the religion was not purified. Now, that which they have failed to do will I verily perform." And this most virtuous lord and ruler of the land having resolved thus, and with the desire only to perpetuate the religion of the great Sage, sent ministers with divers presents and offerings and an excellent letter to the noble city of Ayodjha for the purpose of bringing priests therefrom, in the two thousand two hundred and ninety and third year of the Parinibbāṇa of Buddha. Thus did the lord of Laṅkā commence the work of purifying the religion of the Supreme Buddha, with the intent to advance its prosperity. And those ministers took charge of the king's letter and other presents with great ceremony and respect, and departed hence in a ship with the Dutch people who were charged with the protection of (the sea coast of) Laṅkā. And when they reached the city of Ayodjha in the kingdom of Siam the king of that country received the king's letter and the presents, according to the custom, and entertained the ministers hospitably. And when he had read the king's letter, the wise king Dhammika, who had devoted his life to the support of the religion and the practice of the ten Páramís,* in the hope that he might thereby

* The ten perfections or virtues, the performance of which is a necessary condition for the attainment of Buddhahood.

attain to the Buddhahood, was astonished to hear of the decay of the Buddhist religion in Laṅkā and all the other matters connected therewith. And when he had determined to promote the religion 69 there and advance its prosperity, the king called together the Saṅgha Rāja* and many other great elders of the kingdom of 70 Siam who were skilled and learned in the Doctrine and the Law, 71 and were, moreover, of long standing in the church and had the management of the affairs thereof, and inquired of them diligently concerning this matter. And he chose a chapter consisting of 72 more than ten priests, at the head of whom was Upāli, an elder distinguished for moderation and contentment, and endued with gentle manners, and of an upright behaviour. Them did the 73 king send to Laṅkā, to the noble Relic-temple of Buddha that 74 was there; and, with a liberality like unto that of Vessantara,† 75 the king sent (in charge of them) books of the Dhamma and the Vinaya, such as were not to be found in the island of Laṅkā, and also an excellent royal letter, with divers presents, by the hand of the royal ministers of Ayojjha. And the stately ship 76 that was thus sent thither with the image of gold and the other 77 presents made the voyage across the deep sea, that abounded in terrors and perils, and arrived in perfect safety at the port of Tikonamala‡ in the beautiful island of Laṅkā. And when the 78 great king, the ruler of Laṅkā, had heard the tidings that it had 79 arrived, he caused all the inhabitants of the city of Sirivaḍḍhana 80 to assemble together, and held great rejoicings. And the chief of men, who was greatly pleased, caused the road from the beautiful city of Sirivaḍḍhana unto the great sea, to be cleared and put in order, and dwellings for monks to be built in divers places (along the way that they were to come). And he sent thither 81 his great ministers and other officers, and caused the priests and the images and religious books and all other things to be brought up in due course. And they journeyed the long distance, receiv- 82 ing much honour, and with great rejoicings, and came nigh 83 unto the Mahāvāluka river which riseth from Sumanakūṭa. Then the royal lord of Sirivaḍḍhana, who was a lover of merit, being 84 desirous of obtaining the reward that followeth from the act of going forward to welcome the three Sacred Objects, proceeded to meet them at the head of the army, with horses and elephants 85

* The highest dignitary of the Buddhist church.

† The last incarnation Buddha as a Bodhisatta.

‡ Trincomalee.

86 and other equipages. And when he had met them he bowed with
 great reverence unto the excellent great elder and the others, and
 greeted them graciously. And after he had duly spoken words
 87 of kindness and civility to them he caused the three Sacred
 88 Objects to go before him, and himself followed them into the city.
 And he caused the noble priests to take up their abode in the
 beautiful monastery that was adorned with a tiled roof, built in a
 89 beautiful place at Pupphárāma;* and there he supplied them
 duly with all things that were necessary for monks, and also
 90 appointed officers to inquire daily after their welfare. And the
 91 king caused the royal messengers, who had been sent by the king
 of Siam from the city of Ayojjha with the royal letters and
 presents, to take up their abode in suitable places, and commanded
 that due hospitality should be shown to them.

92 Thereafter, on the two thousand two hundred ninety and
 ninth year after the Parinibbāṇa of the Supreme Buddha, in the
 93 month of A'sálhi,† when the moon attained her fulness, the great
 94 and powerful king entered the A'rāma in royal state, and having
 caused seats to be duly prepared in the Uposatha hall that was
 95 in the middle thereof, he invited the great Upáli,—an elder endued
 with piety and uprightness, and who was learned and skilful in
 96 devices, and loved the welfare of all beings,—and the second great
 elder also, Ariya Muni, together with the priesthood, and caused
 them to be seated in the hall. And then the king, the lord of
 97 Laṅká, caused the rite of ordination to be conferred, amid great
 rejoicing, on the principal Sámaneras of Laṅká (that presented
 themselves).

98 And from that time forth the king was wont to send for such
 of the novitiates and others who were skilled in the science of
 language and the knowledge of the Law, and caused ordination
 99 to be conferred on them. In the same manner he made regular
 100 inquiries concerning persons that were fit for the robes and for
 101 ordination in the noble religion of the Supreme Buddha, and
 caused the rites of robing and ordination to be duly conferred on
 them. And when the number of priests had increased in Laṅká
 he made inquiry, and chose from among them such priests as
 were diligent in observing the doctrines and precepts of religion
 and who deserved to fill the office of teachers, and ordained that
 they should receive instruction from the priests who had come
 hither from Ayojjha.

Now, among the priests that behaved themselves well and strove to maintain the religion of the Conqueror, there was one who had endeavoured long to restore to its former splendour the religion of the Sage which had for a long time been often brought nigh unto the gate of destruction,—one who was diligent by day and night, and, according to the measure of his wisdom and ability, threw light on the doctrines and precepts of the religion of the Sage—one who shed light on religion by duly instructing many of his own pupils, and those of others also, in the doctrines and precepts of religion—one who was engaged in doing good to himself and others, and who earnestly wished to maintain the religion of Buddha for a long time—one who was constant in devotion to a life of purity—one who, in virtue and piety and austerity, was like unto a mirror to all the sons of Buddha in Laṅkā who sought to improve themselves, and who, during his novitate, was known as Saranaṅkara. Him who was now ordained, a pious and well behaved son of Buddha, the king appointed to the office of Saṅgha Rāja. And of the number of priests who were his followers, the king made inquiry for such persons, in both the establishments,* as were able and fit to discharge the duties of religion, and gave offices to them. And he commanded them saying, “Ye whose duty it is to spread the religion of the Conqueror, be all of one accord; be diligent by day and night, and act according to the Vinaya and according to the Dhamma.” And when he had commanded them, even in this manner, the lord of the land showed them much favour; and thus did he add lustre to the religion, that so it might continue long in Laṅkā.

Moreover the royal ministers and others who had come from Siam appeared before the king and presented the royal letter and presents. The great king and ruler of Laṅkā received them, and when he had read over the excellent letter of that king, he was much pleased therewith, and showed favour to them also.

And the lord of the land, who had done merit in former births to the end that he might advance his own welfare and the welfare of others also, and the cause of religion, and who, moreover, was a lover of the Dhamma, and shed lustre on religion, being endued with understanding, was wont to visit the A’rama, and, in the midst of the priesthood, diligently to inquire after

those things that tended to advance religion, with the intent that he might spread the knowledge thereof.

118 And he requested of the great elder Upáli that he might
expound to him from the Dīgha Nikāya and the Saṃyutta
119 Nikāya* and from divers other treatises also of the sacred
doctrines, the ten-fold virtues of kings,† the four chief duties of
kings, and such other subjects, and hearkened to them with
120 attention. And the noble-minded king, who was inspired with
faith, clearly understood what ought to be done and what ought
not to be done, what was good and what was evil, what was
121 innocent and what was hurtful; and he avoided deeds that were
improper, sinful, and hurtful, and conformed himself carefully to
a sinless and innocent life.

122 And as the king yet continued in his course of almsgiving and
123 other meritorious deeds, he (at one time) caused the whole city
124 to be decorated as before, and assembled together the ministers
125 who had come from Ayojjha, and the great elder (Upáli) and
other priests who had accompanied him, with the newly
ordained priests of Laṅkā and the novices and others of the
priesthood, and all the people of Laṅkā. And when they had
assembled themselves together he displayed the Tooth-relic unto
them, that so he might advance their welfare and happiness, and
held a feast even as he had done before, with a display of royal
apparel and divers other things that were used for celebrating
feasts.

126 And the royal messengers (of Siam) and other officers, being
127 desirous of worshipping the shrine at Mahiyaṅgaṇa and others
at divers places, he sent them with the ministers of Laṅkā to
worship at those places; and after he had done, in a fit and
proper manner, what was necessary to be done for them, he sent
them back (to their country).

128 Likewise also he gave things meet for offerings, and appointed
ministers to accompany the excellent elder, Upáli, and the
129 priests (who came from Siam) to the sixteen holy shrines‡ in

* Two sections of the Sūtra Piṭaka.

† They consist of charity, moral conduct, liberality, freedom from anger, freedom from cruelty, patience, rectitude, meekness, self-restraint, and freedom from revenge.

‡ They are Mahiyaṅgaṇa, Nāgadīpa, Kalyāni or Keḷani, Adam's Peak, Divāguhá, Dīghavāpi, Mutiyāgaṇa, Tissa Mahā Vihāra, the Bó-tree, Mirisa-veṭṭiya, Ruvanveli, Thúpārama, Abhayagiri, Jetavana, Sela Chetiya, and Kataragama.

Lapká, such as Mahiyaṅgana and the rest, to worship thereat, and also at the shrines in the city of Sirivaddhana and other places. And as he was desirous of the welfare of the priesthood 130 he caused Baddha Sīmās* to be enclosed and dwellings to be built for them in divers places. And in the course of three years 131 the king who delighted in the priesthood caused temples to be built and priests to reside therein. And he provided them with 132 things that were needful during the Retreat,† and heard the sacred Law expounded, and kept holy the sacred days. And he 133 distributed among the priests that were invited (for the Retreat) divers things that were necessary for monks, and Kaṭhina robes, with (ordinary) robes added thereto. And within these three 134 years he who cared for the welfare of the people caused about seven hundred persons to be ordained among the excellent priesthood, and about three thousand persons of good families to 135 be admitted to the Order as novitiates. Thus did this royal ruler 136 of men advance the prosperity of religion. Therefore may all delighted Brahmas, Devas, and Asuras grant him prosperity and long life!

And the wise king of Siam, Dhammika by name, who had 137 been of great service in the furtherance of the religion in Lapká 140 because that he longed for the attainment of Buddhahood, sent again, in the year called Sūkara, from the city of Ayojjha to Lapká, so that they may still further spread the religion therein, a chapter of priests exceeding ten in number, at the head of whom were the two elders, Mahā Visuddhācariya—the great elder who was like unto a habitation of piety and morality and an ornament of faith and other virtues—and the assistant elder Varāṇaṃamuni, who was a man of deep wisdom and skill. And when these priests came hither, the noble king of Lapká 141 received them into the city with great honour as at first, and caused them to take up their abode in the Pupphārāma, and 142 provided them, with much care and respect, with meals daily and all other things needful, in the same manner as he had done at the first.*

And the great elder Upāli, who had laboured by day and 143 night and wearied not during three years to advance the religion of his Master, when he had finished his work and filled up the 144

* Grounds consecrated and enclosed for the purpose of performing ecclesiastical functions.

† *Antovassag*—The three or the four months during the rainy season.

measure of his merit, was affected with a disease of the nose,
 145 from which he verily endured much suffering. And the Siphalese
 king caused the great and noble elder who was afflicted with the
 146 disease to be carefully ministered unto by physicians ; and the
 great king himself went often to the A'rāma to see the great
 147 elder. And when he was informed that the disease was incurable
 his heart was moved with grief ; and the king made offerings to
 Buddha of divers things that were meet to be offered, and made
 148 over the merit thereof to him. And when the elder was dead,
 the king caused his dead body to be carried in great procession
 149 in a splendid bier, ornamented with cloth, and with many
 honours caused the rite of cremation to be performed, and
 acquired merit.

150 And because that he felt thankful to the king Dhammika, the
 151 lord of Siam, for the help that he had given him in the work of
 152 advancing the religion of the royal Sage in Lanḳá, in that he
 had sent priests twice to ordain many hundreds of priests when
 there was not even one priest (ordained) throughout the whole
 island of Lanḳá, and books of divers kinds that were not to be
 153 found in Lanḳá,—he thought to himself saying, “ I also will duly
 154 perform that which I owe to him who hath been of such great
 155 help to me.” And he appointed certain ministers, and gave
 156 charge to them of a likeness of the Tooth-relic, an image of the
 Conqueror made out of a very precious stone,* a conch-shell with
 the whorls thereof to the right,† and numerous other gifts, to-
 gether with an excellent letter to the king, and sent them with
 the priests (of Siam) who were desirous to return to their
 157 country. And the ministers took charge of all these things
 with great reverence, and proceeded on their voyage, and reached
 158 the country of Siam. And when the king Dhammika saw them
 159 he was exceeding glad ; and when he beheld the likeness of the
 Tooth-relic of the Conqueror he was greatly delighted, as if he
 had obtained the Tooth-relic itself, and paid great honour
 thereunto.

160 And when he had heard and understood* the many kind
 sayings contained in the king's letter, whereby he gave to him
 the merit of having spread the religion (in Lanḳá) and such kind

* It is said that this image is still to be seen in one of the temples of Siam.

† This is considered a rare and valuable article, and the possessor of it is said to be always in luck.

words, he was pleased with the king of Laṅkā. And he gave 161
 numerous books that were not to be found in Laṅkā, and a 162
 beautiful likeness of the print of Buddha's foot (Siripāda), and
 a golden pavilion (of small size), and umbrellas as offerings to
 the Tooth-relic, and presents of divers beautiful and lovely things
 meet to be used by kings, and also an excellent royal letter 163
 setting forth the reasons for the continuance of the friendship 164
 between the two kings, and giving (to the king of Laṅkā) the
 merit of all the good works that were done by himself, such as
 ordination and the like ;—all these he gave unto the ministers
 and sent them back to the noble and beautiful island of Laṅkā.

And the great and famous king of Laṅkā received all these 165
 presents ; and when he had seen the sacred books and the like- 166
 ness of the foot-print of the Sage,* he was glad and paid
 great honour unto them. And he held a great feast in honour
 thereof, and displayed them to all the people. Moreover, when 167
 he read the king's letter and understood the many friendly 168
 sayings contained therein, to wit, the making over of the merit
 and the like ; the Sinhalese ruler was filled with abundant joy.
 And the king thought to himself, saying, "Even in this life 169
 have I seen the reward that cometh of such good works as the
 purification of religion and the like ! What need is there then 170
 that aught should be said of that which will be truly enjoyed in
 the life to come." Thus did the lord of the land take a true
 delight in the three Sacred Objects. And when he had visited 171
 the temple and heard the holy Law expounded by the great
 elders who had come the second time, the ruler of Laṅkā 172
 ordained that the priests who had received ordination from the
 chapter of (Siamese) priests who had come the first time, should
 receive instruction from Visuddhācariya and from the other
 priests (his fellow workers); and he also caused many other 173
 persons of good families to be duly ordained by those priests.
 Now among the priests of Laṅkā (who were placed under the 174
 instruction of the Siamese priests) some who were endued with
 virtue took lessons from the elder Mahā Visuddhācariya in (the
 method of) meditation, which is the road to Nibbāna. Some 175
 learned under his fellow worker, Varāṇāṇamuni, the interpretation 176
 of the Dhamma and the Vinaya, and also the science of words.
 In this manner did the king, the lord of Laṅkā, enjoin on the 177

* There is one in Siam too.

178 priests of Laṅkā that so they might grow in the knowledge of
 179 the doctrines and precepts of religion, and thereby maintained he
 the religion of the Supreme Buddha. And the priests of Laṅkā
 also themselves became diligent and skilful, and were included
 in the noble family of contented recluses distinguished by
 observance of the precepts, right conduct, and austere lives.
 They performed the duties of religion without weariness or sloth ;
 and, being always diligent by day and night, they held high
 offices in the Church as men of learning and spiritual gifts : and
 the king showed them favour by giving them dwellings and
 180 other things necessary for monks. And with the help of the Dutch
 people he sent back the priests who had come the second time
 (from Siam), who were desirous of returning to their own country.
 181 Now on the eastern side of the city of Sirivaddhana, and not
 very far from it, there stood a rock, firmly founded, in a beautiful
 182 plot of ground. And (the king) caused a fine statue of the Con-
 queror, nine cubits high, to be hewn out therein by cunning
 workmen, skilled in the art of cutting stones and the like.
 183 And he covered that beautiful and graceful statue with leaf of gold,
 184 so that it looked like the living Buddha, and enclosed the image
 185 with a high and thick stone wall. He also caused beautiful stone
 pillars to be fixed, and built an excellent two-storied temple,
 186 delightful to behold, with an ample court and walls, open halls,
 and other buildings. And he fixed curtain-walls and ceilings of
 187 diversified cloth, and built around them continuous arches, which
 188 were decorated with many ornaments, and with flags and banners
 hanging in every place. And on the day on which he celebrated
 the ceremony of painting the eyes (of the image) he caused rows
 189 of lamps to be lit, and vessels full of water and flowers to be
 placed, and made divers preparations according to the custom on
 feast days, attending (himself) in a fitting manner to all that was
 190 necessary to be done in respect thereof. And to the workmen who
 executed the beautiful paintings he gave presents of cloth and
 jewels and other things, as they liked best, and pleased them in
 191 divers ways. And on a good day and on a lucky hour that was
 192 deemed favourable (for celebrating feasts), he set the eyes of the
 image amidst great rejoicing and the sound of musical instruments,
 such as conch shells, cymbals, and the like, which he caused to
 be maintained with great magnificence, like unto the roar of the
 193 great ocean. And the ruler of men called to mind the merit of
 194 offerings made to Buddha, and, being desirous of obtaining that

merit, he offered with a willing heart, as if in the presence of the living Buddha himself, all excellent things that were meet to be offered :—many silver bowls, many vessels of gold, things necessary for monks that were of great value, costly suits of robes, flags, and white umbrellas, shields and chowries. Also savoury rice, gruel, cakes, and divers other kinds of food ; sugar, honey, betel, fine camphor, and the like ; medicine, sandal, and the like perfumes of divers kinds, and jasmine, champac, and the like fine sweet-smelling flowers. All these and other things that were meet to be offered did he offer.

And the carvers of the statue of Buddha and other workmen did he satisfy by presenting them with gifts of elephants, cattle, and divers things that had life and that had not life. And when he had made an account of the sum that was spent on this work, it was found that a sum of sixteen thousand one hundred and fifty (pieces of money) had been spent on the feast of the dedication of that temple. And the vihāra was large and beautiful and pleasant to behold, and because that it stood on a delightful place near the Mahāvāluka river (gaṅgā), it was known by the name of Gaṅgārāma ('the river-side monastery') ; and as it had been built by the king it was known also as the Rāja Mahā Vihāra ('the king's great temple'). Even this vihāra, that was so well built with a union of grace and beauty, did the enemy despoil who had come into the city. And the king effected the necessary repairs thereof and restored it to its former state. And he caused the feast of setting the eyes of the image to be celebrated in the same manner as had been done before, and gave many gifts of cloth, jewels, and other things to the painters and other workmen. And the ruler of men offered thereunto things that were meet to be offered, and after that he had built near it a beautiful monastery for the priesthood in common, he caused priests who were fervently devoted to the doctrines and precepts of religion to dwell therein, and gave every help to them by providing divers things that were necessary for monks. And because of his reverence for the Three Gems he made offerings to Buddha in the manner mentioned above, and also did, at the same time, honour to the Doctrine and the Priesthood, and increased the world's store of merit and his own also.

And in order that this beautiful vihāra, so delightful to behold, that was built in this manner, as also the numerous offerings and ceremonies performed therein, and the many acts of merit,

such as alms to the priesthood and the like, might be long
 213 maintained in a fitting manner, the lord of the land granted to it a
 214 village called Aruppala, nigh unto the vihára, with many other
 lands and planted gardens, as well as the great and populous
 215 village Udakagáma* in the country of Máyádhanu. And the
 king confirmed these grants by causing them to be inscribed on
 the beautiful rock itself.

216 Thus did this great and virtuous king of kings, by reason of his
 knowledge of the vanity of riches, faithfully cause offerings to be
 made to Buddha and to the Priesthood that was composed of his
 excellent sons, and gather always to himself an abundance of
 merit. Therefore do ye also, even all of you, be always diligent
 in performing meritorious works.

217 And the ruler of men who was desirous of merit built a vihára,
 218 beautiful to behold, with walls and open halls, in the lovely
 garden, in the goodly suburbs of Kuṇḍasála, and placed therein
 219 images of the Sage and his relics. And he dedicated thereunto
 new gardens planted with jak, mango, cocoanut, and the like
 220 fruit-trees, and much land and servants for the temple. And he
 caused rice-offerings and all other ceremonies to be performed
 therein daily.

221 Now that wicked king who had become famous as Rájasiha of
 222 the city of Sitávaka, and who had committed the crime of killing
 223 his father, and who had destroyed the religion of the Conqueror
 by reason of his ignorance of what was right, appointed heretics
 whose false teaching he had embraced, to take the revenues of
 the shrine of the sacred footprint of Buddha at Sumanakúṭa.
 And from that time forth did those heretics destroy everything
 224 that was there. And when the great king who revered the
 225 Supreme Buddha had heard thereof he felt the injustice that
 226 was done, and commanded the heretics, saying, "Henceforth ye
 shall not do so"; and after that he had appointed the sons of
 Buddha to maintain in a proper manner the many ceremonies
 227 that were needful to be performed there, he dedicated to the
 shrine of the sacred footprint the large and flourishing and
 228 populous village called Kuṭṭápiṭiya. And so that he might
 defend it from rain and sun, he built over it an open hall with a
 ceiling surmounted by an umbrella, and fixed it to the ground
 229 with iron chains. And he ordained a course of religious offerings

to be made thereto, and heaped up much merit, and employed the revenue therefrom in the cause of religion.

Thus did our great and noble chief of Sihalā regard the evil wrought by a misguided king who knew not the virtues of the excellent Sage as unjust beyond measure, and redress the wrong, and appoint blameless priests who were worthy sons of Buddha (to be the guardians of the shrine), and present in honour of Buddha such offerings as tended to confer immortality.

Again, he effected proper repairs in the Majjhavelā Vihāra* and its Cetiya that (in ancient times) the king Vattagāmini had built, who then ruled over the land, and which had almost fallen into ruin; and he gave thereunto the village Singatthala, of the which it had long been deprived. And he caused religious services to be duly performed therein every day, and thus cleared the way to heaven through which he had to pass in the time to come.

And when this great and famous king who loved merit had known, by means of a stone inscription, that the village Ratana-don† had belonged aforetime to the Dutiyasela Vihāra,‡ although it was afterwards separated therefrom, he restored it to that vihāra and maintained its religious services.

And that he might build the Majjhapalli Vihāra,§ he extended favour and rendered help in a fit manner to the priest Saṅgha Rakkhita. And when the large sleeping image (of Buddha) and other works had been finished, he held a great feast in honour thereof, and a feast of the ceremony of setting the eyes of the image. And in order that the religious services might be continued therein, he dedicated unto it the village called Mālā-gāma,|| and thus maintained the ceremonies thereof daily in a becoming manner.

And the lord of the land gave unto the novice Siddhattha the large vihāra called Rajata¶ that the king Duṭṭhagāmaṇi had built, who had verily come (into this world) with the desire to become the chief disciple of Metteyya Buddha. And the ruler of Laṅkā caused that priest to be ordained, and bestowed offices on him and on all the priests who dwelt in the Uposathā-rāma, and also showed them favour in many ways. And that they might restore that vihāra which had been long in a state of decay, the king of Laṅkā provided them with divers artificers

* Mṇḍavelā Vihāra.

† Randeniya.

‡ Devanagala Vihāra.

§ Mēḍdepola Vihāra.

|| Mālgamuwa.

¶ Ridi Vihāra.

244 and many painters, and much refined gold for gilding the statue
 of Buddha, and all the labour and instruments that were necessary.
 And when the eminent monk Siddhattha had received all these
 245 things he removed everything that was old and decayed (in the
 vihāra), and made the thick and high wall thereof, of solid stone,
 246 to shine, and the floor and the outer wall also. And he caused
 a picture of the Supreme Buddha, as he was engaged in the
 247 battle with Māra, to be painted on the roof of the rock, and
 248 divers flowers and creepers also. He caused also the great
 sleeping image to be made with fine brick and mortar and clay,
 and many other images of Buddha also, sitting and upright.
 249 And on the inner wall he caused about a thousand beautiful
 pictures of the Supreme Buddha to be painted with exquisite art.
 250 At the foot of the great sleeping image he caused to be made,
 in due order, beautiful images of A'nanda, the constant attendant
 251 of Buddha and the preserver of the Law, and of Metteiya Bodhi-
 satta, of the excellent Nātha Deva and of the king Duṭṭhagā-
 252 maṇi. And he gilded with gold the five large images of Buddha,
 253 and completed the other works that had to be done inside. On
 the outside wall also, he caused to be painted a beautiful row of
 figures of Devas and Brahmas carrying flowers in their hands,
 254 as if they had come to worship. He caused also to be made a
 large arch, beautiful and pleasant to the sight, and two figures
 of lions on the two sides of the door, and figures of demons on
 255 the spaces between them, in the walls. He also had pictures
 made of the sixteen principal shrines consisting of Mahiyaṅgana
 256 and the rest, and a likeness of the excellent footprint (of Buddha)
 257 on the Sacca-baddha Pabbata,* and many scenes also, painted
 with exquisite art from many Jātakas, showing the ten-fold
 Pārami, the three-fold Cariyā, the five great self-denying sacri-
 258 fices, and other virtues (of the Bodhisatta). And in the hall he
 caused many pictures to be painted : lions, elephants, and swans,
 in rows ; likewise flowers and creepers also.
 259 Then in the beautiful cave that is on the top of that selfsame
 260 rock he made a fine large and excellent image-house pleasant to
 261 the sight, and many works in stone that were wrought to
 perfection. In it he made a large, beautiful, and life-like sitting
 image of Buddha, pleasant to behold, and on both sides thereof
 two fine upright statues. He also caused to be made there the
 262 images of Metteiya Bodhisatta and of Uppalavanna, and many

* A mountain in Siam.

images of Buddha, and hundreds also of Arhats. Likewise also 263
 there were figures of the twenty-four Buddhas (before Gautama)
 and as many Bodhi trees, the (events of the) twenty and four 264
 predictions, pictures of the sixteen principal shrines, of demons 265
 and other evil spirits, of the five different venerable convocations,
 and divers other paintings of exquisite beauty. In that very
 place he placed relics of Buddha, and built thereon a Cetiya, and 266
 adorned it with a pinnacle of gold. And on the top of the image-
 house in that excellent rock basin, he caused a delightful picture 267
 to be made of the Sage, seated amidst his five hundred disciples,
 with Sāriputta at their head. And even in the different courts 268
 (of the vihára) he built walls and open halls, and divers gates
 also, and rows of steps and other excellent works. He repaired 269
 many old works, and also built many new ones ; and completed
 all in a beautiful manner.

And when the time for holding the feast of the setting of the 270
 eyes of the images had come, and the king had sent his ministers 271
 with apparel and other ornaments (to conduct it), they adorned 272
 the place with many continuous rows of arches ; and when they had 273
 made an end of putting on all the ornaments that were necessary,
 and had arranged the order of the high ceremonial, they celebrated
 the great feast, and, under a lucky star and at a favourable hour,
 performed the ceremony of setting the eyes of the images.

From that time forth many inhabitants of the country came
 together from different parts, in great number, like unto a sea that 274
 overflowed the land ; and when they had seen the works of gold 275
 and divers other things that had been wrought there, they were
 exceedingly delighted, as if they had seen the Supreme Buddha
 performing the double miracle.* And with their hearts full of joy 276
 they made great offerings, accompanied with shouts, and paved
 their way to heaven.

And in the festival which was held at that vihára they invited 277
 the priesthood, and prepared seats for them in the upper hall of
 the vihára, and caused the priests who were preachers of the Law 278
 to sit thereon and recite the Mahá-maṅgala-sutta and other
 discourses which were pleasant to be listened to ; and then they 279
 made due offerings in honour of the Law. And all the people 280

* *Yamaka Pāṭheram*. This was a miracle performed by Buddha for the purpose of confounding the heretics and proving that he possessed the faculty of supernatural power. It consisted in causing the appearance of two unimious streams as of fire and of water to proceed from his person.

- 281 who heard and saw these things enjoyed the pleasure of seeing
 (the image of) the Supreme Buddha at the same time that they
 listened to his holy doctrine ; and they rejoiced exceedingly as
 if they heard the doctrine preached by the living Buddha him-
 self. Thus, day after day, did they show to the people both
 the beauty of his (Buddha's) form and the dignity of his
 discourses.
- 282 And, on the courtyard without, an open hall was built on stone
 283 pillars with seats prepared (for priests). And the great body of
 the people assembled themselves together there, and were
 instructed in the rules of moral conduct, such as the five precepts
 284 and others ; and they had every one the opportunity daily of
 285 hearing much of the Law expounded to them. Moreover, he
 (the priest Siddhattha) in his great loving-kindness, did often
 invite preachers of religion, and make them to discourse to the
 people all through the three watches of the night.
- 286 And he (the priest or king) caused that vihára named Rajata
 to be completed, and that great feast to be held in the two
 thousand three hundred and first year of the Parinibbána of the
 Supreme Buddha.
- 287 And on the south side of this vihára there was a beautiful
 288 Cetiya that was built (in former times) on a beautiful, broad, and
 flat rock ; but it had gone wholly to ruin, leaving only a mound
 of earth. And for the purpose of restoring it he collected lime
 and bricks and stones and other materials from divers places.
- 289 And he built a beautiful square foundation, wherein he placed
 290 a relic of the glorious Sage. And, while the Cetiya was yet
 building, he invited priests, and caused a consecrated boundary
 to be set up on a beautiful plot of land in the neighbourhood
 291 thereof, and built thereon an Upósatha house and an A'râma for
 292 priests, with tiled roofs and the like. And he made the grounds
 293 around it into a large park containing many ponds, and adorned
 them with divers trees and creeping trees that bare flowers, and
 294 trees that bare fruit and the like. And in this monastery he
 caused the sons of Buddha to take up their abode, and earnestly
 exhorted them to conform their behaviour to the doctrines and
 precepts of religion. And this place, which was restored by the
 295 authority of the king, was the resort of great saints, and was had
 296 in great honour by the ancient rulers of Lapká. And when the
 297 great king had heard thereof, he ordained that the boundary of
 the vihára should be the same as had already been defined (by
 the priest): and he offered the land thereto, and increased all

the ceremonial offerings and alms to the priesthood in this vihāra, and thus gained a store of merit.

Now a certain minister, who had obtained leave from the king thereto, built an image-house in the beautiful Arāma named Sūkarāvāṭa,* nigh unto the Dohala-pabbata† mountain which was covered with great trees in abundance, such as the *pūga*, *punnāga*, *nāga*, and the like, and resounded with the sweet melodies of swarms of falcons ; it was covered also with slabs of rock, cool, smooth, and white, and abounded in flocks of divers kinds of deer. And here the minister Suvannagāma set up stone pillars, and built an Upósatha hall and dedicated it to the priests. He collected also a great quantity of pillars and such things, and built many houses there also. And the king made many offerings thereto of lands and other substance for the perpetual maintenance of the priests who dwelt there. And when the king had done all these things he was much pleased therewith, and dedicated it (the Sūkarāvāṭa Vihāra) to the venerable priest Dhamma Rakkhita. And the ruler of men having thus gathered merit in many ways, departed hence, according to his deeds, in the thirty-fifth year of his reign.

Wise men ponder over the vanity of life and its possessions, and put far away from them the love thereof. Do ye also, therefore, likewise minister unto the three Sacred Objects, and practise virtue, which bringeth happiness in this world and in the world to come.

Thus endeth the one hundredth chapter, entitled "An Account of Kittissiri Rājāsīha," in the Mahāvamsa, composed equally for the delight and amazement of good men.

SUPPLEMENT.

And after his (Kīrtisīri's) death Siri Rājādhi Rājāsīha, his younger brother, was anointed king over Lanḡá. He was skilful and diligent, and took a delight in the Three Gems, and was constant in hearing the sacred Law. And at the very beginning of his reign he bethought him of maintaining what his brother had done for the advancement of the country and the religion thereof. And the illustrious king maintained as before, without restraint, the offerings of food, drink, and the like, that were wont to be made to the Tooth-relic ; and commanded that

* Varāvala.

† Dolugal-pauwa.

the provisions made for the course of alms to the sons of Buddha should be kept up as before, even in the same manner as the deceased king had done.

6 Now, during the reign of his royal brother the priests who had
7 come from Siam, headed by the elder Upāli, arrived at the city
8 of Sirivaḍḍhana; and afterwards those priests, who had come
9 with Upāli as their chief, set up a consecrated boundary ('Sīmā')
10 according to (the manner of proceeding known as) the *Ñāttidutiya-kamma*,* in the *Kusumārāma*,† which is to the south side
11 of the city; and within this consecrated boundary the king
12 Kittissiri had built an Upósatha hall. And when the king saw
13 that this hall was in a state of decay, because that he loved
14 merit he raised the site from the border of the limit and all
15 around it, and by putting more stones therein built the walls of
16 the inner limit. And then he fixed stone pillars therein,
17 and dedicated the Upósatha hall to the priests from the four
18 quarters. He was skilled also in many languages, such as Pāli,
19 Sanskrit, and the like, and given to charity, and was in form like
20 unto the God of Love. And as he was skilled in the science of
21 words, he composed the *Asadisa Jātaka* in Siphalese poetry, and
22 published it. And by reason of his faith the pure-minded king
caused one hundred thousand lamps to be lighted in one night,
and caused the Tooth-relic to be carried in procession. And
when he had learnt that the gift of the *Kāṭhina* was the most
meritorious of all gifts, he bestowed *Kāṭhina* robes on the priest-
hood every year. And as he desired greatly to attain Buddha-
hood, he caused a statue of Buddha, of the king's size, to be cast
in bronze, and built a beautiful *Cetiya*, pleasant to the eye, at
the famous *Gaṅgārāma Vihāra*.

18 And the king, having acquired these and other merits, departed
hence according to his deeds in the eighteenth year of his
reign.

19 Thereupon *Siri Vikkama Rājasīha*, a firm man, and *Rājādhi*
20 *Rājasīha*'s sister's son, became the ruler of the land. And when
he had hearkened to the Law proclaimed by the Conqueror, the
21 king was pleased therewith, and offered to the sacred Tooth-relic
22 jewellery, such as pearls, gems, and the like, and many lands also;
and many times also he gave excellent food to the priests who

* A certain mode of making and carrying a resolution in a chapter of
p. sts.

† The *Malvatta Vihāra*.

were followers of Buddha. Thus did this lord of the land gain these and other merits.

But afterwards he joined himself to evil companions and changed his ways. And he caused great ministers and many other officers to be seized and put to death ; and, like unto Death himself, he showed no mercy, and caused many hundreds of people to be seized and brought from divers places and impaled. And, like a robber who plundereth the country around him, he seized their vast possessions which they had inherited from generation to generation.

And while this ruler of men was committing such manifold deeds of wickedness, the Siphalese that were incensed against him, and the inhabitants of Colombo, came hither ; and they all joined themselves together and took the wicked and unjust king captive in the eighteenth year of his reign, and banished him to the opposite coast. And after that they had banished the king, who was a scourge to the country, the English took possession of the whole kingdom.

THE END OF THE MAHĀVAṆSA.

May there be Prosperity !

APPENDIX.

I.—Translation of Chapter XXXIX. by Professor Rhys Davids published in the Royal Asiatic Society's Journal, 1872.

(Referred to in page 9.)*

- 1 THEN that wicked king called Kásyapa, having sent a horsekeeper and a cook to kill his brother, and being unable to do so, became afraid and went to the Lion Rock (Sígiri) ; and having thoroughly cleared the place difficult for men to climb, and surrounded it by a rampart, built there a climbing gallery ornamented with lions, whence it acquired its name.
- 4 Having collected his wealth, he buried it there carefully, and put guard over the treasures he himself had buried in different places, and built a palace there, beautiful to look at and pleasant to the mind, like a second A'lakamandá, where he lived like Kuvera.
- 6 The general called Migára built there a monastery of the same name, *and a coronation hall, where he asked that the coronation should take place with more splendour than the Silásambuddha* ; but being refused, kept quiet, thinking, "I shall know about it when the rightful heir comes to the kingdom."
- 8 Having repented (the king) did no little charity, thinking, "How shall I get free from the deeds I have done?" *He spent much wealth on the gates of the city, and made a mango garden every eight miles throughout the land ; and having built the Issara-samana monastery as a place sacred to Buddha, he bought still more fruitful land and gave to it.*
- 11 He had two daughters, "The Wise One" and "The Lotus-coloured," and he gave their names and his own to this vihára. When he gave it the faithful priests would not have it, fearing the blame of the world that it was the work of a parricide. But he still intending to give it them, bestowed it on the image of Buddha : then the priests received it, saying, "It (has become) the property of our Master." In the same manner, in a garden near the rock, he made a monastery, and it was called by their name. He gave that vihára, abounding with the four necessary gifts, and a garden in the Northern Province, to the Dhammarucis.
- 16 He having tasted a dish given to him, and prepared by a woman with king-cocanut milk and ghee, and seasoned with excellent curry, thought : "This would be good for priests, I will give them some," and gave (accordingly) a meal like that and a suit of robes to all the priests.
- 18 He observed the eight rules, *and meditated much and rowed rows*, and had books written, and made many images, and dining halls for priests, and such like things. Yet he lived on in fear of the other world and of Moggallána.
- 20 Then, in the eighteenth year, Moggallána, that great warrior, by the advice of the naked mendicants, came here from Jambudvîpa with twelve chiefs as friends, and collected his army at Kuṭhári Vihára ('the axe temple'), in the district Ambaṭṭhakolaka. The king hearing this, saying, "I will catch and eat him," started forth with a large army, although the fortune-tellers said, "You cannot do it."
- 23 And Moggallána, too, marched out with his armed force and hero friends, like the god Sakra going to the battle field of the Titans. The two armies

* The italics are mine, to indicate where *material* differences occur between his and my translation.

met one the other, like oceans when their waves are broken, and began the mighty battle. Kāsyapa, then, seeing right in front a marshy hole, turned aside his elephant to go another way. Seeing him, his army gave way, saying, "Our master is flying." But the soldiers of Moggallāna cried out, saying, "We see his back"; and that king cutting off (Kāsyapa's) head with his sword, threw it into the air, and put back his sword into its sheath.

Then, performing the funeral rites, and confirming the acts of the late king, 28 and taking all the baggage, he entered the wonderful city. The priests hearing this news, well clothed and well robed, swept the vihāra, and stood in order. He entered the Mahāmeghavāna, like the king of the gods entering 30 his garden Nandana, and stopping his mighty army outside the elephant wall, and approaching and saluting them, he was well pleased with the priesthood there, and offered his kingdom to the priests, and the priests gave it back to him. They began to call that place "The gift of the Kingdom," and the vihāra which had been made there acquired the same name.

He went to the citadel, and having entered both the vihāras and bowed 33 low to the priesthood, he took to himself the supreme sovereignty, in righteousness protecting the people. Being angry with the priests, saying, "They assisted at the death of my father, these bald heads!" he took away the Tooth, and thence acquired the name of "Derīl."

He slew more than one thousand ministers, cut off the noses and ears of 35 others, and many he banished from the land. After that he listened to the Law, became quiet and of a good heart, and gave great treasure, as a rain-cloud to the broad earth. He gave gifts every year on the full-moon-day of January; and the custom continues in the Island up to this day.

Then the charioteer (see Māhāvamsa, page 260) who had given the juicy fried 38 rice to his father, brought his father's letter and gave it to Moggallāna. Having seen this, he wept, remembering his father's love to himself, and gave the man the dignity of chief gate-keeper. The Governor Migāro, having told him (all) as it had happened (before), performed the Coronation (anointing) even as he had wished.

The king built on Sigiri rock the vihāras called Dulha and Dāṭhākondañña, 41 and gave them to the Dhammaruci and Sāgali Orders; and having made a rock vihāra, he gave it to the theras. To Mahānāma of the Dighasanda Vihāra. (See footnote, page 196.) Also he, the large-hearted, made a residence called Rājini, for nuns, and gave it to the priestesses of the Sāgali Order.

But a certain man named Dāṭhāppabhūti of the family of the "Hanging- 44 ear'd ones," who had been dissatisfied in the service of Kāsyapa, and was afraid of him, had gone with his relation Moggallāna to Jambudvīpa, and going to Mereliyavagga had settled there. He had a son named Silākāla, who took the robes in the Bodhimāṇḍa Vihāra, and there lived a priest's life, loved of all and virtuous.

He gave a mango to the priesthood, and they, well pleased therewith, cried 48 out, "A mango-pupil." So he was called by that name in future. He having acquired the Hair-relic in the manner related in the book, "The History of the Hair-relics," brought it hither in the reign of this king.

(The king) entertained him hospitably, and received the Hair-relics and 50 placed them in a crystal shrine of great price, and carried them in procession to the noble image-house of Dipaṅkaravagga, and gave a great donation; making golden images of his wife and father-in-law, he placed them there, and a beautiful statue of himself. And he made a casket for the Hair-relic, 53 and a canopy, and a jewelled shrine, and (figures of) the two chief apostles and of the sacred fan: and he gave it a greater retinue than that of the king himself, and made Silākāla the sword-bearer, and placed him in charge (over it): so he was called the Sword-bearer Silākāla; and the king gave him his sister (to wife) and much wealth. This is said very shortly, but the whole

is well described in the History of the Hair-relic, which the wise should read.

57 *He saved the island from the fear (of inundation and encroachment by building a dyke against the sea). In righteousness he purified the doctrine and ethics of Buddhism ; and having built towards the north a palace for his chiefs, called Senápatighara, and done (other) good deeds, he came to his end in his eighteenth year.*

59 Thus that powerful one, Kásyapa, when his merits failed, was not able to resist the approach of death, but became its slave. Therefore the wise will be happy only when they have overcome the power of death ; and he who has attained to knowledge of himself will reach Nirwána, the excellent, eternal, place of bliss.

So is finished the thirty-ninth chapter, called the History of Two Kings, of the Māhavaṇsa, which is made for the delight and agitation of righteous men.

II.—Translation of Chapter XLVI. of the Mahávaṇsa, by Professor Rhys Davids, published in the Journal of the Ceylon Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1871-72.*

AFTER the death of Hatthadātha Agra Bodhi, the eldest son of the king, also called Sri Saṅgha Bodhi, became king.

2. He was a righteous king, full of insight, and did innumerable acts of merit.

3. He superintended the maintenance of the priests of the three sects, preserved the canon of scripture, and forbade slaughter.

4. He gave offices impartially, according to merit, and favoured those who by birth or learning were worthy of favour.

5. Wherever he saw priests, he, the high-minded, did them honour, and asked them to say the liturgy (*pirit*) or talk of religion.

6. He studied under the wise, virtuous, and learned priest Daṭṭhásīva of Nāgasāla monastery.

7. And there having thoroughly heard the teaching of the allwise one, being perfected in religion, he became a doer of all gentle deeds.

8. Having heard a discussion between priestesses, who (previous to their putting on the robes) were related to him, he quite turned away his favour from those who were wicked heretics.

9. He restored broken monasteries and parivenas to their former state.

10. He restored alms fallen into abeyance, and gave slaves to the priesthood according to the necessities of each (sacred) place.

11. He made a splendid house for that priest called after his name ; which, having received, he, the high-minded one, gave to the priesthood.

12. And the king gave to him villages for his maintenance, Bharattāla and Kihimbila and Kataka and Tuládhāra.

13. And Andhakāra and Atturoli, and Balava and Dvāranáyaka, and Maha Nikatthika and Pelahāla also.

14. These villages and others he, the lord of men, gave for maintenance ; and he gave servants also of those related to himself.

15. Then, either seeing or hearing that monasteries of both sects were poorly provided for, he gave many villages for their maintenance.

16. But what is the use of much speaking ? To the three sects he gave a thousand villages, fruitful ones, and undisputed.

* For differences compare this with the same chapter in my translation.

17. And following the Three Gems in the highest virtue, he took a necklace and turned it into a rosary.

18. So in every way he followed after religion ; and all men, taking him for their example, became doers of virtue.

19. A Tamil called Potthakuntha, who was his constant servant, made a splendid and wonderful house called Maṭambiya.

20. And the king gave him Ambavāpi in Bukakalla, and the cloth weavers' village Catika, and the village Niṭṭhilaṭṭhi with the slaves (living therein).

21. And he built as residences the monasteries at Kappora and the places at Kurundapillaka.

22. In other places, too, the wealthy one divided villages among the monasteries ; and the wise general named Potthasāta added to Jeta Vihāra

23. A parivena called after the king's name ; and Mahakanda. the Tamil, a parivena of the same name.

24. And the under-king Sanghatissa made a small house called Sehalaparaṭṭhaka for the king.

25. And in other places many people both built monasteries (of which these are only a few), and were full of goodness, following the example of the king.

26. For when the chief does evil or good the world does just the same : let him who is wise note this.

27. This king had a most virtuous queen called Jeṭṭhā, who built the Jeṭṭhā monastery as a home for priestesses.

28. And gave to it two villages in very stony land called Tumbuddha and Helagāma, together with a hundred slaves.

29. And the king added a splendid relic-house to the dāgoba, in Maṇḍalagiri monastery.

30. And he roofed in the inner chamber in the Brazen Palace (at Anurādhapura). The celebrated Bōdhi Tissa built Bōdhi Tissa monastery.

31. And all the provincial Governors throughout the island built monasteries and parivenas not a few, according to their ability.

32. In the time of this chief of men everywhere in the island virtue alone was practised.

33. It seems bad to me (thought the king), according to the most important sign of goodness, to have passed so much time here.

34. So after a time he went to Pulastipura and there lived acquiring merit.

35. Then when he was afflicted with a severe illness, seeing that the time of his death was come, he addressed the people.

36. And exhorted them to virtue ; and so died. But the people were overcome by sorrow at his death.

37. And when his obsequies were performed, nothing being left out, they took of the dust of his funeral pile and used it as medicine.

38. So in the sixteenth year this king went to heaven, and Potthakuntha the Tamil carried on the government.

III.—Translation of Chapter LXVIII. and part of LXXIX.,

by L. De Zoysa, Mudaliyār, published in the Ceylon Branch
of the Royal Asiatic Society's Journal, 1856–58,

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THIS sovereign of lofty aspirations, who was well acquainted with foreign countries, thus thought (within himself) :—

“ In what well-governed kingdom is the administration of affairs conducted without obtaining a knowledge of its means ?

"The object of my sovereignty is the advancement of the prosperity of Religion and the State, having vanquished all enemies. This kingdom, although very small, being filled with great prosperity, I shall, by the superiority of my wisdom, soon bring into such a state as that it will surpass the greatness of other kingdoms.

"Conferring appointments on my officers, whose advancement is identical with my own, according to their respective merits, rewarding them with honours and wealth, causing my own people to settle in various parts within my dominions from the mountain Samanta-kúṭa (Adam's Peak) as far as the sea coast, the cultivation of grain should be carried on in as many ways as possible."

Having thus reflected, the king thus addressed his officers :—

"In my kingdom are many paddy fields cultivated by means of rain water, but few indeed are those which are cultivated by means of perennial streams and great tanks.

"By rocks, and by many thick forests, by great marshes, is the land covered.

"In such a country, let not even a small quantity of water obtained by rain go to the sea without benefiting man.

"Paddy fields should be formed in every place, excluding those only that produce gems, gold, and other precious things.

"It does not become persons in our situation to live enjoying our own ease, and unmindful of the interests of the people. And ye all, be ye not discouraged when a necessary but a difficult work is on hand. Regard it not indeed as a work of difficulty, but, following my advice, accomplish it without opposing my instructions."

The highly renowned monarch then ordered the construction of the great embankment celebrated under the name of *Koṭṭha-buddha*, which had long been swept away by the action of the river, leaving behind nothing but the name, and which indeed had baffled the attempts of former kings (to keep in repair).

Whereupon the ministers, one and all, represented, in various ways, the extreme difficulty of the work, and the instability of it, even if it could be accomplished.

The king, rejecting their counsels, remarked : "What is there that cannot be done in this world by men of perseverance? Is not the tradition still current that Rāma built a bridge over the great ocean itself by means of monkeys?"

"If I am destined, by fortune, to reduce this island under one regal canopy, and to promote the welfare of the State and Religion, then indeed will the commencement of the work see the accomplishment of it also."

Thus did he of great courage inspire his ministers with courage.

Before the construction of the embankment, however, the profoundly wise ruler of the land made, from the mouth of the embankment as far as the country of *Ratthakara*, a great canal of great breadth and strength and of many *pōrisas*† in depth.

The protector of the land, having assembled a great many stone-cutters, workers in metal, ironsmiths, and goldsmiths in the country, and having

* In reference to the fable in the Rāmāyaṇa, that Rāma, the conqueror of Rāvaṇa, in crossing over from India to Ceylon, caused a bridge to be built over the sea by his army of wānaras or monkeys. The reef of sunken rocks, which extends across the Gulf of Mappār from Rāmisseram on the coast of Coromandel to Talaimappār on the coast of Ceylon, is supposed to be the remains of this bridge.

† "The measure of a man's reach.....Equal to the height, to which he reaches, when elevating both arms with fingers extended." (See Colebrook's *Amarakośa*, page 160.)

employed them in the work of cutting stones, got made by them an embankment of great stability and solidity, having the interstices of the stones invisible, like one continued sheet of rock, and having the work of plastering complete.

On the summit of the great embankment, the pious Rájá placed a bó-tree, an image-house, and likewise a dágaba.

The king, by means of this canal, so directed the course of the stream as to make it discharge itself into the sea.

Having cleared the great jungle on both sides of the canal, he formed paddy fields of many thousands of wáhas^o of extent, and converted the place in truth into a Koṭṭha-baddha† ('perpetual granaries,' from the two Páli words *koṭṭha*, 'granary,' and *abaddha*, 'perpetual').

Thereafter the king having dammed up the mouths of the rivers *Sankhawaḍḍhamāná*, *Kumbhilarāna*, as far as the *Súkara Nijjhara*,‡ (literally, 'hog cascade' or 'stream'), and there, too, having made a canal, and conducting the water into the tank of *Mahādāragalla*, thoroughly repairing, at the same time, the breaches thereof, including the clearing of the water-courses, (thus) brought into it a larger body of water than it had before, and, having formed paddy fields from this place as far as the *Súkara Nijjhara*, collected paddy.

The king, moreover, having made a collection of water in the middle of the river *Jajjara* (*Deḍuru-oya* ?), and having formed paddy fields, collected vast quantities of grain.

Moreover, having made *Paṇḍa-wāpi*, which was formerly very small indeed, (into one) containing a body of water, great and exceedingly lofty, having outlets for the water and an embankment of greatly increased height, length, breadth, and strength, he gave it the name of the "Sea of Parákrama."

In an island situated in the middle of it, on the summit of a rock,§ the king built a Dhātu-gabbho (dágaba) resembling the peak of Mount *Kailāsa*.

In the middle also of the tank he built a royal palace, three stories high, and of superlative beauty : a palace indeed for the collected joys of the world.

* According to the Páli Nighaṇḍu of Moggállāna :—

4 nēlis make	1 lahasa or (kurupi)
4 labas ..	1 droṇa
4 droṇas ..	1 marika
4 marikas ..	1 khāri (or amuṇam)
20 khāris ..	1 wáha

† This is no doubt the Koṭṭa-vélla of Brook. The Sinhalese word කටුල්ල *vella* and the Páli word බද්ධ *baddha*, both mean an embankment.

"From Koṭṭa-vélla to Dāstoṭa, a distance of nine miles, the country is one of the most delightful I ever recollect seeing on this island : nearly the whole distance a carriage might drive. There are strong marks of many of the plains and parts of the open country having been cultivated ; it abounds in tanks and ravines to facilitate irrigation, all of which are neglected and broken. The reason the inhabitants assign for this is, want of people and money to keep them in order." (Route from Mátalé to Trincomalee, by way of the Ambaggaṅga, by R. Brook, Esq.)

‡ Instead of කටුළුකර නිජසුර, 'as far as the *Súkara Nijjhara*,' some manuscripts read ධාතුගබ්බකර නිජසුර.—'the place *Súkara Nijjhara*.' If this be the correct reading, the whole passage might be thus translated : "Thereafter the king having dammed up, at the junctions of the *Sankhawaḍḍhamāna* and *Kumbhilarāna*, the place (called) *Súkara Nijjhara*." &c.

§ I am informed by Mr. Braybrooke, who has visited *Paḍaril-kulam*, that there is a rock in the embankment, called by the natives දෙවියන්ගේකන්ද *Deviyānne-kanda*, 'God's hill,' or 'King's hill,' which they believe is haunted by the spirit of King Mahasen, to whom tradition ascribes the construction of the tank.

The following, and many other ruined tanks and mountain streams, did this benevolent monarch repair in various parts of his dominions, viz. : the tank of *Mahāgalla*,^{*} the tank of *Seṭṭhi*, likewise that of *Chhattunnata*, the tank of *Tamba*, and the tank of *Ambacala*, the tank of *Giribā*, the tank of *Paṭala*, the tank of *Mandika*, the tank of *Mōrarāpi*, and the tanks of *Sadiyaggama* and *Tilaḡulla*, also the tank of *Malavalli*, the tank of *Kālikāttakandaka*, the tank of *Kanikaragalla*, and the mountain stream *Buddhejama*, the tank of *Sākaragama* ('the village of hogs'), the tank of *Maha-kirala*, the tank of *Giri*, and those of *Rakkhamana*, *Ambala*, and *Kaṭumaru*, the tanks of *Jallibāra* and *Uttarala*, and that of *Tintinīgama* ('the tamarind village'), the tanks of *Dhavalavithi*, *Kira-rāpi*, and *Nalamara*, the tank of *Karavithawilatta*, likewise that of *Dumbaragama*. The tanks of *Māmaru* and *Salakas*, and also the tanks of *Mālavāri*, *Girisigama*, *Polonnarutala*, and *Wisirathala*.

Draining up great marshes in the country of *Panchayājana* (*Pasyōdun*, or *Pasūn kōralō*), he formed paddy fields and collected paddy.

Allotting lands (for paddy cultivation) in the jungles there, and in many other places, calling together the village chiefs, he caused the inhabitants to engage themselves in the cultivation of paddy.

In this manner, having augmented nine-fold the revenues of the State from what they were, the wise king caused the country to be so prosperous as never to know the calamities of famine.

He who was skilled in the maxims of government, wishing that there should not be even a small spot of land within his dominions inhabited by men, which should be left unbenefited, formed many pleasant and delightful gardens and groves, full of fruit-bearing and flower-bearing trees and creepers, of every variety, fit for the use of man.

Thus did this sagacious ruler of the land cause his small kingdom, which had attained prosperity by the superiority of his wisdom, to surpass other great kingdoms in affluence.

The sixth-eighth chapter of the Mahāvamsa, entitled "The Advancement of the Prosperity of the Kingdom," composed both to comfort and to afflict righteous men.

Extract from Chapter LXXIX.

This supreme of men, for the purpose of averting the calamities of famine, constructed many tanks and canals in various parts (of the island). Having turned the course of the river *Kāra-gaṅga*† by means of a great stone embankment, and having, by means of a great canal called *A'kōsa-gaṅga* ('celestial river') conducted its broad stream to the Royal Palace which was a noble one resplendent like the sun,‡ he constructed the "King of Tanks" (*Wāpi-rāja*), celebrated under the name of "The Sea of Parākrama," which was like unto a second ocean, and which contained a perpetual supply of water.

* I have no means of ascertaining the Sīhalese names of these tanks. If we had a list of them in Sīhalese, we might probably identify most of them.

† Major Forbes states that the river *Ambay-gaṅga* is joined "by a considerable stream" called *Kalu-gaṅga*. Might not this be the *Kāragga* alluded to here? The Pāli form of *Kaḷugga* would be *Kāla-gaṅga*, the only difference between it and *Kāra-gaṅga* being the substitution of the letter *l* for *r*.

‡ Instead of *ဓိတလတ္တဝါတံ*, 'which was a noble one resplendent like the sun,' some manuscripts have *နန္ဒလတ္တဝါတံ*, which may be translated as follows: 'made a shining or resplendent island.'

He likewise built the great tank known by the name of the "Lake of Parākrama," having a stone aqueduct constructed over land of difficult access. Also the tanks of *Mahinda*, *Ekūha-wāpi* (literally, 'the tank of one day'), the *Sāgara* ('sea')^o of Parākrama, and the waterfall of *Koṭṭabuddha*.¹

In many places the chief of men built minor tanks, in number one thousand four hundred and seventy-one. The ruler of the land constructed conduits and channels of stone in no less than 300 tanks which had been in ruins.

The king also repaired many ancient tanks, such as the great tank of *Mañihira* (*Minnēry*), the tank of *Mahādāragalla*, the tank of *Swannatissa*, *Dāratissa*, and those named *Kāla-wāpi* (*Kalāwewa*), and *Brāhmaṇagama*. The tanks called *Nālikēratthamba* and *Rahēra*, likewise the tank of *Giritālia* and *Kumbhila Sobbha*. The tanks of *Kuwa-wāpi*, *Pāli*, and *Kaṭigama*, the tank of *Paṭṭapāsāna*, the tank of *Mahayana*, the tank of *Mahānāmamattaka*, the tank of *Waddhana*, and the tank of *Mahadanta*, the tank of *Kanagama*, and the tanks of *Wira* and *Waluhassa*, and that called *Suramāna*, the tanks of *Pāsānagama*, *Kālawalli*, and *Kāhali*, and those named *Aṅḡagama*, *Hillapat-takkoṇḍa*, and *Madagu*. These tanks, which had been in ruins, did the king restore to their former condition, as well as others of less note, in number 467.

In about one thousand three hundred and ninety-four tanks did the king, who was a proficient in matters of State, effect repairs and improvements.

[For the remainder of this Chapter, see Ceylon Almanac, 1834.]

IV.—The following interesting extracts from Bishop Caldwell's "History of Tinnevely" might perhaps help to throw light on the subject of the different races of Tamils who so often invaded this Island from India, and of the famous invasion of India by the Sinhalese under the reign of Parākrama Báhu the Great :—

THE CHERAS, THE CHOLAS, AND PĀṆDYAS.

The Tamil people, or, as they are called in Sanskrit, the Draviḍas, were divided in ancient times into three great divisions—the Cheras, the Cholas, and the Pāṇdyas. The arrangement of the names is climatic, and denotes that the Pāṇdyas were supposed in those times to have the pre-eminence—a supposition which appears to be in accordance with the facts of the case. According to Tamil legends, Cheran, Cholan, and Pāṇḍyan were three brothers who at first lived and ruled in common at Korkai, near the mouth of the Tāmraparṇi. The rules held by all three in common were at Mukkāne (the three properties) near Korkai. Eventually a separation took place : Pāṇḍyan remained at home ; Cheran and Cholan went forth to seek their fortunes, and founded kingdoms of their own to the north and west.

^o This is either a clerical mistake, or there were more than one "Sea of Parākrama." While on this subject, I may here notice a very curious passage in the "*Rāja Ratnākara*," which speaks of the construction by Parākrama Báhu of three great tanks known by the names *Mahā Samudraya*, *Bana Samudraya*, and *Mati* or *Mani Sāgara*.

This passage is translated by Upham as follows :—"The said king of Ceylon also rendered his fame great by causing to be made in Ceylon three great lakes, the first of which was called *Mahā Samudra* (*i.e.*, 'great sea'), the second was called *Bēna Samudra* (*i.e.*, 'allied to the sea'), and the third was called *Mēda Sāgaraya* (*i.e.*, 'the middling sea')."

It is however right to add, that this passage is not found in the "*Saddharma Ratnākara*," from which the author of "*Rāja Ratnākara*" has copied almost verbatim the events of this reign. Nor indeed is such a passage found in any other work on Ceylon which I have seen.

THE PĀṆḌYANS.

The Sanskrit name Pāṇḍya is written in Tamil Pāṇḍiya, but the more complete Tamilised form Pāṇḍi is still more commonly used all over Southern India. I derive Pāṇḍya, not from the Tamil and Malayalam Paṇḍu, "ancient," though that is a very tempting derivation, but from the Sanskrit Pāṇḍu, the name of the father of the five Pāṇḍava brothers. This very form Pāṇḍya, in the sense of a descendant of Pāṇḍu, is mentioned, as I am informed by Professor Max Müller, by Kātyāyana, the immediate successor of Pānini.—*History of Tinnevely*, Chap. I., page 12.

BOUNDARIES OF THE PĀṆḌYAN COUNTRY.

There are certain geographical stanzas current in Tamil which give the boundaries and extent of the three Tamil kingdoms—the Chera, Chola, and Pāṇḍya. According to the stanzas relating to the Pāṇḍya kingdom, its boundaries were the river Vettāru to the north, Kumari (Cape Comorin) to the south, the sea (that is, the Gulf of Mannār and Palk Strait or the Bay of Tonḍe) to the east, and the "great highway" to the west.—*Ibid*, Chap. II., page 24.

PĀṆḌYA KINGS.

When the Draviḍas are mentioned as distinct from the Cholas, as they sometimes are in the Mahābhārata and the Purānas, the Pāṇḍyas must be meant.—*Ibid*, Chap. II., page 26.

THE CHOLA OCCUPATION.

The occupation of the entire Pāṇḍya country by the Cholas is not even alluded to in the Madura Purāna, nor is the name of any of the Chola kings contained in the Madura lists. This could not have been owing to the Purāna having been composed and the lists completed before the Chola occupation commenced, for the last king in the lists, Kubja or Sundara, reigned, long after, probably 200 years after, the reign of the first Chola who ruled over the Pāṇḍyan kingdom, Rājendra Chola, who commenced to reign in 1064 A.D. It is uncertain whether Rājendra Chola gained the sovereignty of the Pāṇḍya country by conquest or by voluntary cession, but I think it could not have been by conquest, for in two inscriptions belonging to his reign, which I found in an old temple near Cape Comorin, one dated in the fourth year of his reign and the other in the fifth, a victory, said to have been achieved by him over A'hava Malla (a Jaina king of the Calukya race) on the banks of the Tunga-bhadra, is recorded.—*Ibid*, Chap. II., page 28.

KING KULASEKHARA.

There seems reason for placing at this period in this list of Chola-Pāṇḍya kings a king called Kulasekhara-Deva, who may possibly be the Kules-Dewar who, according to the Muhammadan historians, immediately preceded Sundara Pāṇḍya, and was indeed, according to them, his father. I have seen many of Kulasekhara's inscriptions in Tinnevely; there is one on the walls of the Tinnevely temple. There are also two in Sir Walter Elliot's collection, which were found at Tiruppuvanam in the Madura District, but in none is he styled either Chola or Pāṇḍya, but always simply Kulasekhara-Deva. It is uncertain whether there were two princes of the name, or only one. One person of the name is represented by the Siyhaliese as having been conquered by them about 1173 A.D., another as having conquered them and carried away the sacred Tooth-relic about 1310 A.D. The impression, however, is left in my mind that there was only one prince of this name, who must have been a great prince ruling over a wide extent of territory, seeing that Sir Walter Elliot found an inscription of his in the Chālukya country.—*Ibid*, Chap. II., page 30.

INDEX OF PRINCIPAL NAMES.

(Abbreviations: S. = Sinhalese; Sk. = Sanskrit.)

- Abhayagiri, a monastic establishment; S. Abāgiri, now corrupted into Bayāgiri. C. 41, vv. 31, 95; c. 42, v. 31; c. 44, vv. 80, 96; c. 48, v. 135; c. 50, vv. 26, 83; c. 51, v. 52; c. 57, v. 23. p. 73, *note*, p. 77, *note*.
- Abhayagiri Cetiya or Vihāra. C. 39, *note*; c. 42, vv. 28, 63; c. 48, v. 64; c. 53, v. 34; c. 57, v. 18; c. 78, vv. 20, 21; p. 87, *note*.
- Abhaya-Rāja, a pariveṇa. C. 88, v. 52.
- Abhayaśiva, a prince. C. 41, v. 69.
- Abhidhamma. C. 44, v. 109; c. 48, v. 142; c. 51, v. 79; c. 52, vv. 49, 50; c. 54, v. 36.
- Abhiseka. C. 39, v. 7, *note*.
- Abhiseka-jina, a statue. C. 39, vv. 7, 40.
- Acchasela, S. Valas-pauwa, a mountain. C. 48, v. 94.
- Aciravati, a channel. C. 79, v. 52.
- Adam's Bridge, 147, *n*.
- Adam's Peak, p. 146, *n*. 294, *n*.
- A'dicca (Damilādhikāri), a Tamil commander. C. 76, v. 39.
- Adigar, p. 168, *n*.
- A'di-malaya, a military chief. C. 59, v. 4.
- A'dipāda, *passim*; it is throughout rendered "chief governor," next in rank to the sub-king (Uparājā). C. 41, v. 34.
- A'dipādaka-jambu. S. Ē'pādamba, a place. C. 61, v. 15.
- A'dipādaka-punnāga-khaṇḍa, S. Ē'pādombakada, a place. C. 75, v. 15.
- A'di-Potthaki, a general. C. 72, v. 193.
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 Vajjetu taṃ ; parimalaṇ hi kuhiṇ jagatyá
 Yaṇ kevalaṃ bhavati sabba-sukhāvalaṇa vā?

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